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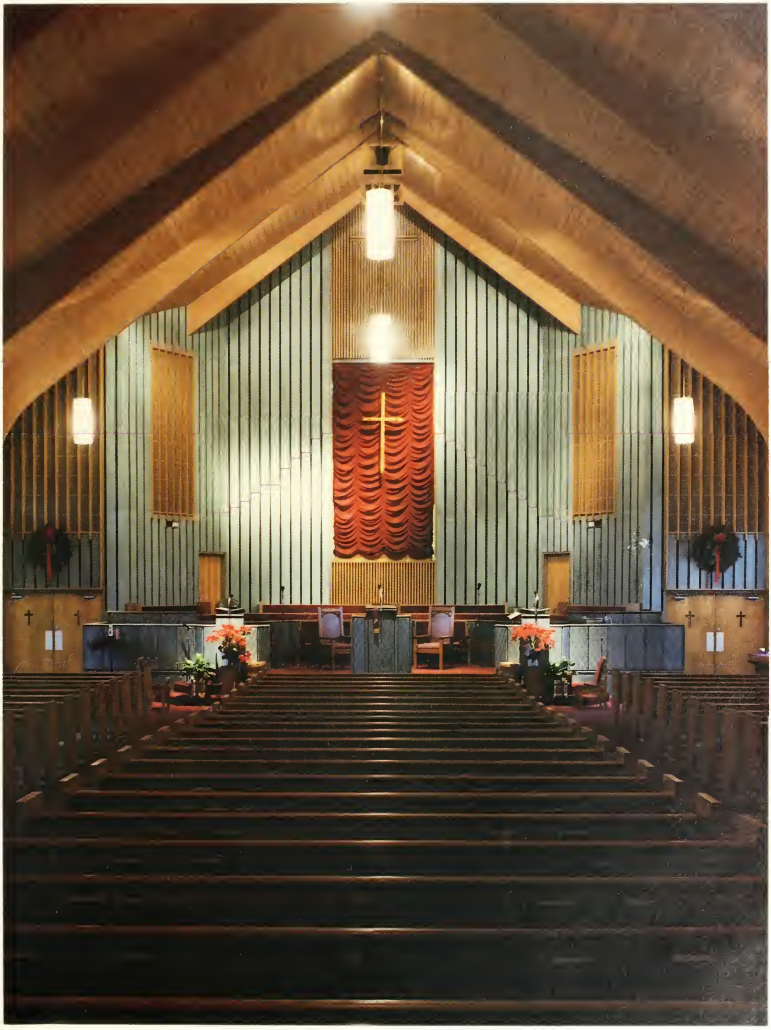

100 Years

OF WORKING FOR CHRIST

THE CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1890–1990

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"One generation shall laud thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts."

Psalm 145:4

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DEDICATION

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, in observance of one hundred years of toil, struggle and self-sacrifice, dedicates this **Centennial History Book** to:

- The forty pioneers who courageously set forth to organize the first church in 1890.
- The Reverend Allen L. Lewis who led the church to its formal organization.
- The Charter Members:
  Brothers and Sisters John Walker, James Lewis, Sam Jones, Charlie Jones, Lewis Caldwell, Hiliard Petty, Andrew Sheperd, Napoleon Houser, W. H. Houser, Zack Ruffin; Sisters Sallie Miles, Creacye Mebane, and Rosa Watson.
- The ministers who were instrumental in guiding Friendship during its one hundred years of growth:
  The Reverends:
  Allen L. Lewis, C. H. Williamson, J. O. Crosby, James Carey, J. D. Hood, P. F. Maloy, G. O. Bullock, G. W. Watkins, C. C. Adams, B. K. Mason, John Lewis Powell, Colemon W. Kerry, Jr., and Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
- The congregation, staff, organizations, committees, and visiting friends who have inspired us so that we might gain a deeper appreciation for our rich heritage as we anxiously anticipate the arrival of the twenty-first century.

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CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

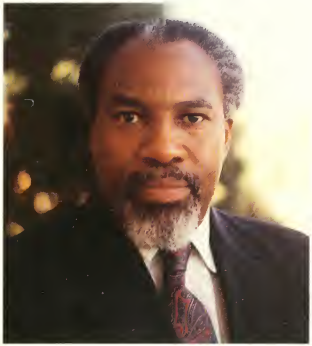
We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Saviour in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

FOREWORD



These words hopefully encompass the spirit of all the pastors of Friendship who have labored for **Christ** during these one hundred years. These men have made supreme sacrifices, endured endless effete experiences, and yet loved **Christ** and Friendship with an unending love. Kahlil Gibran sensed this love when he said,

> *When love beckons to you, follow him;*
> *Though his ways are hard and steep.*
> *And when his wings enfold you, yield to him,*
> *Though his voice may shatter your dreams*
> *as the north wind lays waste the garden.*
> *For even as love crowns you so shall he crucify you.*
> *Even as he is for your growth, so is he for your pruning.*
> *. . . When you love, you should not say, '**God** is in my heart,'*
> *but rather, 'I am in the heart of **God**.'*
> *And think not you can direct your course of love,*
> *For love, if it finds you worthy directs your course.*
> ***(The Prophet:** "On Love," pp. 11-14)*

Our written history is at best scattered fragments of the pilgrimage of this church family since 1890. Paper, pen, and script cannot fathom and certainly not capture all of the modes, struggles, disappointments, frustrations, joys, shouts, moans, and pathos of the Friendship family. Many of these feelings and expressions were operative simultaneously and faithful saints harried and hushed in death, many buried in unknown graves, took these burdens to the **Lord** and left them there. Their deepest longings and idealistic dreams are our reality.

God has nurtured this church through the lynching era, Jim Crow laws, The Great Depression, two world wars, the cold war, numerous recessions, and by faith we can only appreciate 1990 in retrospect to 1890. While we now enjoy celebrating our **Centennial,** we must never allow ourselves the lull and lapse of satisfaction of "where we are." This issue for us must be "Where does **God** want us to be?" The tendency in relative "good times" is to perpetuate that which maintains our sense of security and comfort. Each generation has made tremendous sacrifices to actualize the prayerful dreams and visions of leadership.

From a few members in a house, the first major sanctuary on Brevard Street was erected. While we worshipped at Northwest Junior High School, we experienced a quantum leap in membership. Finally, we moved into this present structure, in spite of the uneasiness caused by each move and the negative feelings generated by the "cannot committee." Yet, **God** blessed the plans by **His Spirit** of favor and now . . .

It is incumbent upon this generation to prayerfully plan and plant the seeds for the next generations. How do we facilitate our dreams into their realities? Their world will be quite different from ours. Issues facing their church will be multifaceted. I contend that the Christian church, of necessity, must evaluate its involvement in pre-school, primary and secondary education; we must be the caretakers and teachers of African-American art, history, music, and literature; we must affirm the authenticity of the Christian faith and its impact upon our heritage and culture; we must be involved in economic liberation in African-American neighborhoods; we must be the conscious agitators of a racist international continent; we must own more land and become producers, much more than consumers. My prophet perspective illumines the commitment that Friendship has been endowed with the wherewithal to lead the way in the twenty-first century. The mantle of Elisha is on our shoulders; the rod of Moses is in our hands; we are standing on the foundation of **Christ Jesus,** so it is imperative that we go forward in the power of **His Spirit.** As Kahlil Gibran has said, "When love beckons to you, follow him; Though his ways are hard and steep." Surely our forefathers and founders have faithfully followed him, though their ways have been hard and steep. **Can we do any less?**

This Centennial Year, which contained numerous occasions of sharing and celebration, has been the result of the efforts of the Centennial Committee chaired by Deacon William Morrow and the Centennial Yearbook Committee chaired by Sister Doretha Leak. Please notice the names of the various committees and give **God** thanks for their efforts in coordinating the many activities, picnic, banquet, and Centennial Book.

As we conclude this celebration with the spirits that have gone on, we acknowledge that it's getting late in the evening. In time, we will be called to be with them, to leave this unfinished challenge with those still here. For we are children of the **Divine Architect** who defies residency and qualities of the parameter of time; who has the capacity to turn water into wine and wine into blood. Surely, **He is God our Father.** The sun is going down in our lives and in time we'll confront the finality of a terminal situation. Yet, take comfort in knowing that **Jesus the Christ** conquered finality when **He** said, **"It is finished."** The terminal **He** tested and teased for three days, and early, **God the Father** raised **Him** up and **Jesus** said, **"All power in heaven and earth is in my hands."** O, it is getting late in the evening and the sun is going down. Yet, comfort is ours, because the **Comforter** has come; the **Holy Ghost** gives the blessed assurance as the sun goes down. The **Son of God the Father, Jesus the Christ,** resides in us in the person of the **Holy Ghost.** Consequently, sequaciously, tenaciously, faithfully, joyously, and boldly, do what Grandma said . . .

"Walk togetha chillun an' don't ya git tired,
Thars a great camp meetin' in da promise lan'."

Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
Pastor

PREFACE

One hundred years of commitment, dedication to the glorification of **God** and service to our community is a platform that the members of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church can employ as a continuing documentation of the church's history.

As we come together to celebrate our centennial, we take note of our rich and diverse past. We must be ever mindful of our struggle to survive and know that we are at the crossroads of our existence. In order for the black race to survive, the church has to be a continuing source of strength in dealing with dysfunctional black family life, the education of black youth, daily confrontations of racism, drugs, and warring among black youth. As we researched and gathered information relative to the history of this church, it was quite clear that the problems have changed but the role and function of the church today should still be the primary model for the black family to follow.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has established itself as an institution of leadership by opening its doors to people of all races and has dealt with the problems in the immediate community and throughout the city of Charlotte, North Carolina. It was, and is, through the visions of those 40 pioneers and such ministers as Reverends Allen L. Lewis, C. H. Williamson, J. O. Crosby, J. H. Carey, J. D. Hood, B. F. Maloy, G. O. Bullock, G. W. Watkins, C. C. Adams, B. K. Mason, John L. Powell, Colemon W. Kerry, Jr., and Clifford A. Jones, Sr. that Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has been able to grow and become a spiritually enriching force for the black community. We take pride in being a part of this institution and hope that future generations will continue the plight of our church.

In preserving our history, we, its members must continue to encourage our children, the youth, and the young adults to be involved in all aspects of the church's life. For within our church walls exists the backbone and the very essence of our survival.

We, the members of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, leave a charge for the future with our youth and young adults. Look forward to this church's future; help it to endure, to stand, to be prepared, to minister, and to preserve its people.

Doretha L. Leak
Chairperson
Souvenir Book

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CENTENNIAL GENERAL CHAIRPERSON

Hallelujah! We've made it! The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church movement has reached its Centennial year of spiritual service, and we are grateful to **God** to be 100 years young!

As religious movements relate to the growth process, Friendship is a mere infant. However, 100 years in the life of an individual or an organization is a remarkable milestone. As I consider our past, I see important events that can be noteworthy in every decade, those which I believe we should use as historical markers. I also believe that the success of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church's movement has been due to the small steps taken along the way, leading to the significant markers of our personal and collective development.

The "success" of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has been the result of prayer, planning, hard work and more prayer — all taken one step at a time. Each act of kindness, each example of extra effort, each moment spent in prayer and meditation, each good word spoken or written, each positive thought held in mind, and each exercise of faith has built a growing Friendship, with its efforts stayed on our ultimate purpose — to win souls for **Christ** and magnify the **Lord.**

During the past 60 years at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, I have seen positive, faith-filled, helpful living, and **I THANK GOD** for this. **God** is also awaiting your courageous steps — your talents, your vision and your love. Friendship is a **Christ**-centered, community-oriented mission church and each member of this church can make a contribution to this, **God's** church.

It is an honor and privilege to be Friendship's Centennial General Chairperson. I am grateful to the church family for its hard work, patience, understanding, and dedication.

Special thanks is extended to Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. and the Centennial Committees.

One prayer at a time, one thought at a time, one small step after one small step; Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has reached 100 years, 100 young and glorious years, and the future looks mighty bright for Friendship and the world because the **Lord God** is our **Father** who loves us! **HALLELUJAH!**

Yours in **Christ**,

Deacon W. Hall Morrow, Sr.

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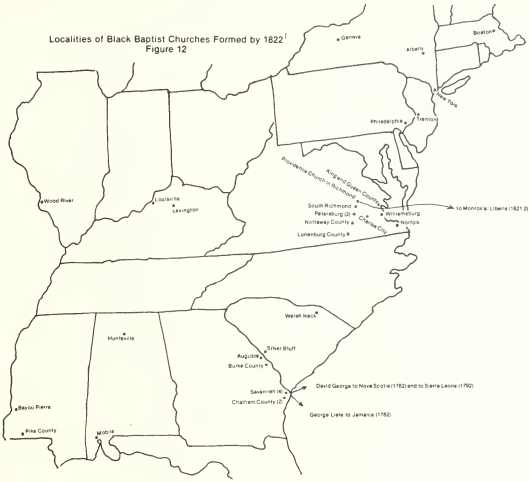
Localities of Black Baptist Churches Formed by 1822[1]
Figure 12



CHAPTER I
THE ORIGIN OF A CHURCH
1890–1892

Black churches and denominations developed from a three-pronged reality: (1) the earnest desire of every human to be in touch with divine realities, (2) the need for corporate expression of those realities in ways that honestly reflect a group's own experiences, and (3) the past inability of white churches and denominations to relate to black experiences with integrity. These realities led black people to form their own resources and structures.[2]

Many blacks responded to Baptist expressions first because of the influence of their masters. Baptist policy did not require educational certification for membership. This not only suited the white frontiersman and Southerner, it was more attractive to the slave who was without educational opportunities. Secondly, there were no educational requirements for the ministry. A man could indicate his "sense of call," and if convincing enough before the congregation, he was sent forth to preach. This also appealed to the limited opportunities among slaves. Third, Baptists practice congregational autonomy. Anything that offered less outside interference and domination would have appealed to slaves. Finally, there was a mystical temperament to Baptist religious expressions. Baptists taught that **God** "troubled the waters," as it related to baptism. They were in tune with the mystery in the **Lord's Supper.** The special emphasis on kinship **("brother, sister")** linked the slaves close to their African heritage. This along with the easy appeal of emotional expression made Baptist religious affiliation accessible.[3]

A number of black congregations were organized by whites in the early 1800's. While most blacks continued as members of their masters' churches, the situation changed following the Civil War. The newly freed blacks wanted to express their freedom completely.[4]

"Feb. 20, 1859. Heard the experience of Robert, servant of R. M. Taylor, which was satisfactory to the church, but he was not received on account of not having the permission of his master. Administered the sacrament to the colored members."

"1859 Feb. 27th. Received Robert, servant of R. M. Taylor, on a profession of his faith in Christ, to the ordinance of Baptism."

At first the Lord's Supper was administered to the colored members separately, but this was soon amended.

"1859 June 12. It has been the practice heretofore that the colored members had the sacrament administered to them at a different time and did not commune with the white members. It was Resolved that hereafter they would all commune together. Also passed a Resolution to change the time of holding communion from the first to the second Lord's day in the month. Dismissed in order."

The black members took it upon themselves to care for their own people.

"1859 July 31st. A proposition from Zaccheus to form among the colored members a Benevolent Society for the relief of the aged and sick of their own members was highly approved of. After remarks from the Pastor on this matter and the duty of giving according to their several ability for the support of the Gospel, on motion adjourned."

Often the master recommended the good character of his servant.

"1860 Oct. Molly, servant of Mr. W. F. Phifer, requested to be rec'd into fellowship of the church. Her master testified to her good character. She stated that she had been up to the time of her leaving the neighborhood, a member in good standing in a Baptist church in Mississippi. On motion Molly was rec'd into the fellowship of the church, the Pastor giving her the right hand of fellowship."

Her master was the Mr. Phifer in whose home on April 20, 1865, the Confederate Cabinet held its last meeting with Jefferson Davis.

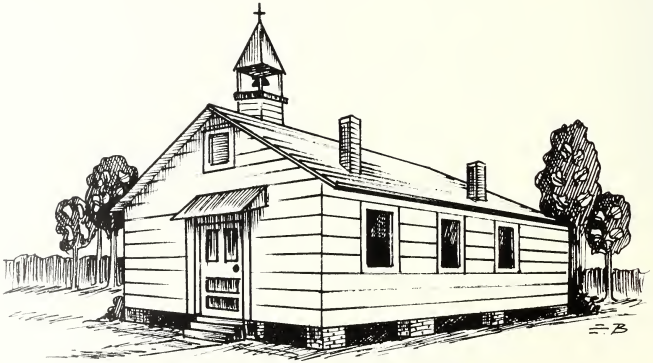
The first record of a free Negro coming into the fellowship of the church was made in 1861.

"1861 Sept. 8 Heard a free negro woman, named Caroline Reid relate her experience. When on motion it was resolved to receive her into the fellowship of the church when she shall have been baptized."

At the end of the Civil War when they were no longer slaves, the black members were asked if they wanted to change their church relationships also.

"1866 May 30. Bro. S. M. Springs moved that the colored members hold a meeting for the purpose of consulting them upon the subject of their relation with the white members, whether they desire to form a separate church. Bro. Griffith appointed to lay the matter before them."

"1866 August 8th. Bro. Griffith made his report as to the conference he had held with the colored members, as to their desire to form a separate church. Upon a vote they unanimously desire to remain with the church as heretofore. By vote



The artist's representation of the first small structure

taken it was decided that the colored members be allowed the privilege of meeting with the church at their regular meetings, and they have the privilege of meeting on Sunday afternoons as heretofore."

From this time the black members were called by their surnames which usually were derived from their former masters.

"1867 July 31. Two colored brethren were rec'd on profession of their faith, viz: Wallace Torrence, and Henry Torrence."

It was almost two years later when the black members formed their own church. Three entries were made in the church book concerning the organization of the black church.

"1867 Dec. 11. Resolved to grant letters of Dismission to the colored members for the purpose of organizing a colored church."

"1868 January 1. Resolved to grant letters of dismission to colored members to all such as are recommended by colored Deacons of the church."

"1868 February 5th. The colored members of the church were under Rev. Mr. Hinton and Rev. R. H. Griffith (Pastor) and the Deacons of the church, in accordance with the letter previously granted, formed into a regular colored Baptist church. The Pastor stated that they have fifty-five recognized members, and were doing as well as could be expected."

A total of 106 colored members were received into the Charlotte Baptist Church in the course of its history. The second Baptist church to be organized in Charlotte was the black church. It secured property on South Church Street and erected a building in 1870.[5]

The year was 1889, just twenty-four years since the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. During the reconstruction period, the Negro membership of First Baptist Church requested letters that they might go forth and organize a church of their own. Although the slaves were freed, they were still relegated to the balcony section of the church for worship. Being weary of this arrangement and desiring complete freedom of worship, these unlearned, unlettered and destitute members went out and formed the First Baptist Church Colored, then located at 1020 South Church Street.

For a while, the church had made remarkable progress, when dissension gradually became evident. Matters of unrest and dissatisfaction among the membership were being discussed, especially as they related to the management of the church affairs and its program. Many futile attempts had been made to revive the spirit of peace and harmony that once existed in the church. Consequently, at the next church meeting, Brother John Walker requested letters of recommendation from the First Baptist Church Colored. He made the request for himself and others to have their names stricken from the roll so they might go forth and join another church or organize a new one. That list included: Brothers and Sisters John Walker, James Lewis, Sam Jones, Charlie Jones, Lewis Caldwell, Hiliard Petty, Andrew Sheperd, Napoleon Houser, W. H. Houser, Zack Ruffin; Sisters Sallie Miles, Creacye Mebane, and Rosa Watson. With much regret, their request was granted and this hopeful band went forth, guided by the three laws that govern Christian fellowship; **The Law of Love, The Law of Confession, and The Law of Forgiveness.**

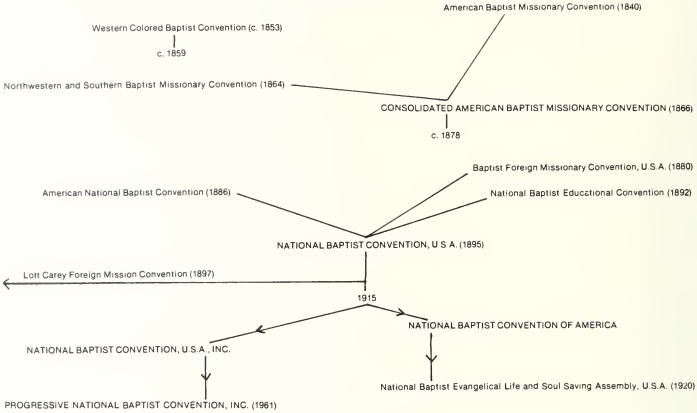
Organizing a new church became quite apparent since joining Mt. Carmel or Ebenezer would mean affiliating with other outgrowths of First Baptist. Rev. Allen L. Lewis was elected to lead the organization of the church as its first pastor and those persons presenting letters of intent constituted the charter members.

When the question of a name for the church arose, several suggestions were given. After much discussion, Sister Rosa Watson, who had just returned from Atlanta, Georgia offered the name Friendship taken from the historic Friendship Baptist Church of Atlanta. Sister Creacye Mebane immediately spoke in favor of this name and it was unanimously accepted. Rev. Lewis appointed the first Deacons: Andrew Sheperd, Chairman; John Walker, Treasurer; James Lewis, Clerk; Sam Johnson, Charlie Jones, Lewis Caldwell, and Hiliard Petty. The first Trustees were W. H. Houser, Harvey Massey, Henry Caldwell, Abner Jones, Zack Ruffin, and James Lewis. Sister Sallie Miles organized the first Missionary Society and Brother Napoleon Houser organized the first Sunday School, and became its first Superintendent. These were the only organizations of the church and remained so for some time.

For quite a while, these people met in different homes, carrying on the services, until a lot was secured on South Caldwell Street. This property was leased from Rev. T. R. Howell and a small structure began to take form.

In 1891, the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church was formally organized by the Ecclesiastical Council of Ordained Baptist Ministers, with the Moderator of the Rowan Association presid-

Black Baptist Interstate and National Organizations[5]
Figure 13



ing. Included were Reverends S. H. Witherspoon, D. S. Salters, W. M. Lockhart, P. F. Maloy, and Rev. Washington of Winston Salem, North Carolina. The churches which participated were Ebenezer, Saint Paul, and First Baptist of Winston Salem.

Soon after moving into the new location, the growth of the church was so rapid that the building became inadequate and plans had to be made to accommodate the growing congregation. A committee was appointed from the Deacon Board to seek and purchase a site where a permanent structure could be built for the church. The committee was successful in finding the site, and for the sum of $600.00, purchased from a Mr. Springs, a 99 x 100 foot lot.

As the tenure of Rev. Allen L. Lewis came to an end, he was truly a pioneer for **God,** serving as the primary force in the initial organization of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

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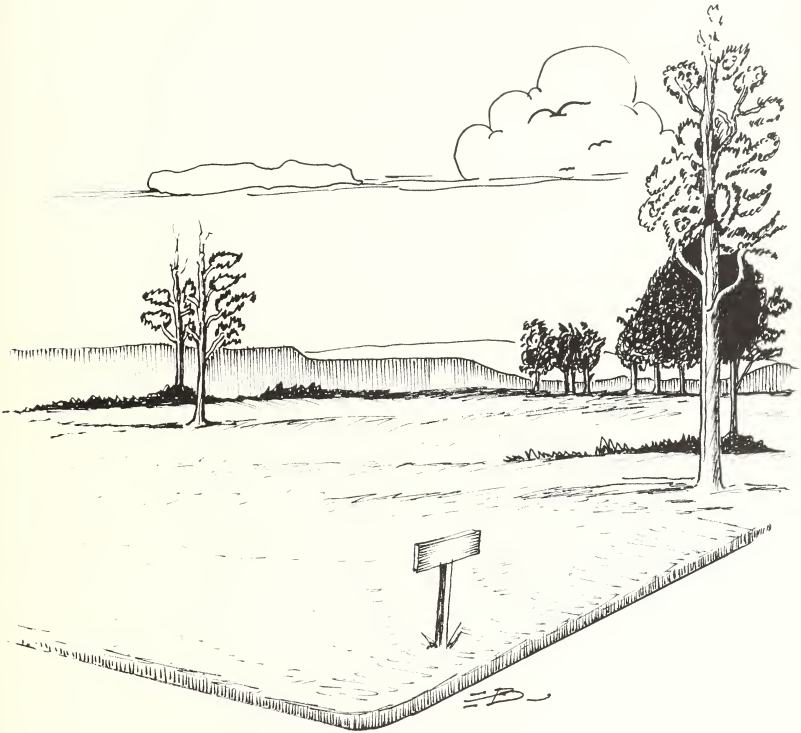


The artist's depiction of the lot on South Brevard Street

1890 1903

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

of the

Friendship Baptist Church,

May 24th, 1903.

1901 1903

Second Pastoral Anniversary

of

REV. P. F. MALOY, A. B., B. D.

A week of festival and jubilation in the church.

City pastors, their congregations and choirs named below have consented to go upon the program during the Anniversary, commencing Monday, May 18th, 8.30 p m.

Monday, May 18th, 8.30 p m., Mt Moriah church, Dr J H Cary.

Tuesday, 19th, 8. 30 p m., Bethel A M E church, Rev A J Wilson.

Mt Carmel Baptist church, Rev S S Person.

Wednesday, May 20th, 8.30 p m., St Paul's Baptist church.—Rev. A.Lockheart.

M E church, Rev A S Newsome.

Thursday, May 21st, 8.30 p m., Ebenezer Baptist church, Rev S H Witherspoon, D D.

Friday, May 22nd 8.30 p m , Clinton Chapel A M E Zion church, Rev A J Warner, D D.

Sun-rise Prayer Meeting Sunday morning 5 a m, led by Brother A Russell, "Those that seek me early shall find me" Prov. 8-17. All Christians especially invited.

Sunday 11 a m, First Baptist, the mother church of Friendship, sermon by Rev C C Somerville, D D, "Church life a life of joy and conflict."

1 p m. Anniversary program by Sunday school, J L Walker, Supt.

3 p m. Sermon, "Bleessings resulting from loyalty to the church." Rev Q C Adams, D D.

8.30 p m. The pastorial anniversary sermon, Rev J A Whitted, D D, State Missionary Secretary.

Monday, 8.30 p m. Young Ladies' Literary Club, Woman's Home Mission Society, the Friendship choir.

Tuesday, 8.30 p m. Reminiscence of the Friendship church.—Miss Lulu Jones.

The officers and aged mothers of the church—Mrs Sallie Harden.

What growth and progress the church has made.—Mrs L L Walker.

The pastors of friendship—Mrs Irene Reid.

What the sisters have done for the church.—Mrs Rose Connor.

Tuesday, May 26th, 8.30 Carnival of Sunday schools. A number of Sunday schools will take part in the Tuesday evening feast.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

Rev P F Maloy, A B, B D, pastor.

Deacons.

J L Walker, W H Houser, H Petty, A Sheperd, L Jones, W M Calhoun, B Johnson.

Trustees.

W H Houser, J H Massy, W L Davidson, A Jones, C Jones, E Gunnings.

Clerks.

Financial Secretary, J F Douglass; Recording Clerk, H C Caldwell, Treasurer, J L Walker.

Collectors.

J L Walker, H Petty, W L Davidson, Lenard Jones.

Church Lyceum

President, Miss Lizzie Merchant, Secretary, Mrs S Bullock, Treasurer, Rev P F Maloy.

Ushers.

Lloyd Butler, Prince Grace, J B Walker, John Fuel.

Missionary Society.

Mrs Hattie P Maloy, President, Miss Alice Kirkland, Secretary, Mrs Jennie Johnson, Treasurer, Chairman Executive Committee, Mrs L L Walker.

Sunday school.

J L Walker, Superintendent, A Sherperd, Asst Superintendent, C P Armstrong, Secretary, C Mabins, Treasurer.

B Y P U.

President, A Sheperd, Secretary, J B Walker, Treasurer, Mangia Maloy.

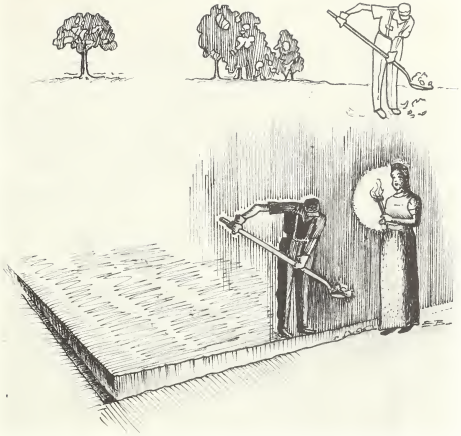
Church Choir.

H C Caldwell, President and Chorister, Mrs C Caldwell, Organist.

Young Ladies' "L" Society.

Miss F McClain, President, Miss Jessie Sheperd, Vice President, Miss A Mendenhall, Secretary.

The choirs of each church on the program are cordially invited to render music for the occasion. The members of the different churches and friends generally are cordially invited to the Thirteenth Anniversary of the existence of our congregation.



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CHAPTER II

YEARS OF STRUGGLE

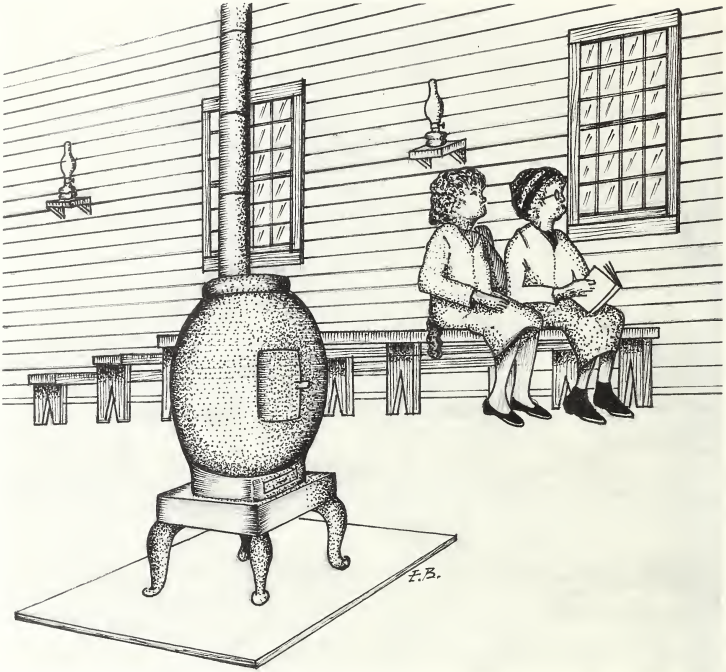
1892–1905

The year was 1893 and Friendship had called Rev. C. H. Williamson. As the building began, the key words became self denial, sacrifice and hard work. These were dark days indeed and all were faced with many hardships and barriers that seemed almost insurmountable. However, these men and women had a conviction by which they lived and they were determined, by the grace of God, to accomplish this task. Thus, when the men of the church had completed a day's work on their respective jobs, they would come to the church lot and meet their wives, who were waiting with supper. After they had finished the meal, they would begin to work. While the women held torches for light, they dug and laid the foundation on which the church would stand.

In the same year, God blessed their efforts and a cornerstone was set in the building that faith had built. Brother W. H. Houser, a trustee and a brickyard owner, donated many of the bricks and sold the remainder to the church at a minimum cost. After a year of hard work, the church was completed and ready for services.

The membership remained small and money was scarce; consequently, the church was poorly equipped. There were plain wooden benches for pews, plain window panes at the windows, two pot bellied stoves for heat and oil lamps on the walls for light. The ceiling was low, without any ornamentation, no carpet adorned the floors and no musical instrument guided the singing; but, here was a fellowship house; here was a meeting place for the church of the living **God** and **He** always met **His** people there.

After the work of Rev. Williamson had ended, Friendship was blessed to have the following ministers serve its congregation: Reverends J. O. Crosby, James Carey, J. D. Hood and P. F. Maloy.



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Even though these men of **God** served for short periods of time, their spiritual leadership and guidance aided the growth of the church physically as well as spiritually. Consequently, with much hard work and determination, electrical lighting was installed. Friendship was then located on the corner of East First and South Brevard Streets.

Dr. G.O. Bullock, D.D.
1905-1912

Rev. G.W. Watkins
1912-1918

CHAPTER III

RENAISSANCE YEARS

1905–1932

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church was making herself felt in the community. Her growth was steady and her witness was profound. She was now sixteen years old and the year was 1905. Rev. G. O. Bullock had been called and the church took on new life. During his dynamic administration, the membership grew from 100 to 300, a majority of whom were candidates for baptism. All church debts were liquidated, a modern Sunday School Annex was constructed and the Sunday School was reorganized, providing better accommodations for all members and enhancing the Sunday School attendance.

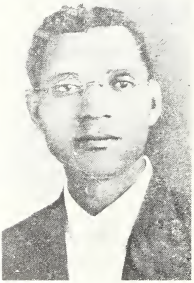
In 1912, as Rev. Bullock departed, a new pastor, Rev. G. W. Watkins came to Friendship. During his term, the church membership continued to grow. He, along with the membership, worked very diligently to further improve the church structure. The roof was raised, the ceiling was beautifully embellished and exquisite stained glass windows were added as a part of the total interior renovations. Additionally, sliding doors were installed, separating the Sunday School Annex from the main sanctuary. In order to reassure the maintenance of the church, Rev. Watkins canvassed every member to make a pledge to missions and church expenses. The finance committee maintained individual records that were readily accessible to the members. Spiritually, the church continued to flourish and to reach higher peaks as Rev. Watkins ended his pastorate at Friendship in 1918.

Rev. C. C. Adams came to Friendship in 1919. World War I had recently ended and many of the men were returning from the army. The nation and the world were restless and fearful. Even though Rev. Adams departed from the church in the same year, with his guidance the basement was excavated and a central heating system was installed. Noteworthy is his later achievement as

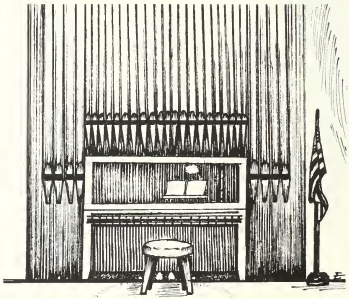
the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Bureau.

The year 1920 brought Rev. B. K. Mason to the pulpit. He found a church and its people trying to readjust to the post war period. Everywhere there was seeming prosperity and a new spiritual awakening. During his administration a parsonage was purchased on East Liberty Street, modern pews were placed in the main sanctuary and comfortable chairs were bought for the Sunday School department. An expanded heating plant and a pipe organ were purchased and once again general interior renovations were made. The Junior Church was organized and Friendship hosted, for the first time, the Lott Carey and the General Baptist Conventions in 1922 and 1926 respectively. By the end of Rev. Mason's term in 1932, the church burst forth with new life, growing and forging onward.

The artist's interpretation of the first parsonage on East Liberty Street



Dr. B.K. Mason, D.D.
1920-1932



A depiction of the first pipe organ purchased during Rev. Mason's pastorate

CHAPTER IV

RENEWED SPIRITS

1932–1947

The year of 1933 was a pivotal year in the history of America and in the life of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. The United States was in the midst of the Great Depression and more than 10,000,000 Americans were unemployed. A new president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, had been elected and such landmark legislation as the New Deal, the Social Security Act, the G. I. Bill of Rights and Public Works projects made it possible for all citizens to envision a better future.

With the departure of Rev. B. K. Mason for a position at Shaw University in Raleigh, N. C., Friendship was again without a shepherd. Referring to **Genesis 22: 1-18,** we see how **God** provides for **His** own if we are faithful to **His** calling. A young man had come to Johnson C. Smith University from Pennsylvania to pursue his calling to the ministry. His attendance at the seminary at J.C.S.U. was not by accident but by the will of **God,** so that John Lewis Powell would meet Brother Louis Alexander, a member of Friendship and the son of the Superintendent of the Sunday School. Rev. Powell proved to be a very able administrator and an excellent Christian leader, despite the backdrop of World War II which killed more persons, cost more money, damaged more property, affected more people and probably caused more far-reaching changes than any other war in history.

The church was heavily laden with debts and Rev. Powell immediately began the arduous task of liquidating all financial responsibilities. As indicated by the financial report for the year 1946, $3,492.32 were deposited and $2,680.57 were disbursed. Brother Fred D. Alexander was appointed to the Trustee Board and **The Never Failing Club** of which Sister Pearl Cooper was President, continued its financial support of church expenses. On September 1, 1947, the Trustee Board

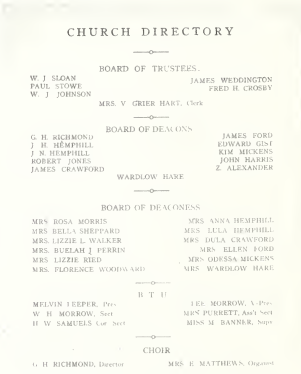
Dr. John Lewis Powell, A.B., A.M.
1933-1947

was in the process of completing a far-reaching task, that of organizing and establishing a complete financial record of the church membership and all accounts except Missionary funds. Consequently, beginning with August 1, 1947, a system would be in place from which all of the financial transactions of the church could be implemented.

Of special interest was the membership criterion for this period. Those persons who contributed at least $.25 per week or $13.00 per year were considered as active members. Inactive members were allowed a voice in all deliberations on regular affairs, but were not permitted to speak at length. Also, during this time, a fire destroyed much of the church property; but, with hard work, perseverance and Christian faith, the church was remodeled and ready for occupancy.

Rev. Powell initiated the first Out-Reach Program whereby he went into the neighborhoods to bring the people to the church. For many months Friendship was unable to pay its minister and when he did receive a salary, he bought a used car to transport children to Sunday School and the elderly to church, thus increasing the membership.

After many years of service to **God** through Friendship, Rev. Powell accepted a call to be the Dean of the American Baptist Theological Seminary and the Pastor of the Progressive Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

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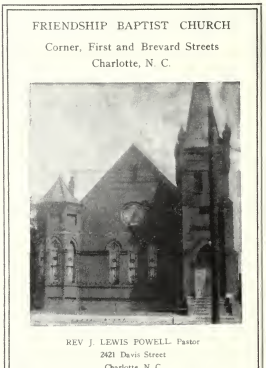
LEE MORROW, V.-Pres.
MRS. PURRETT, Ass't Sect.
MISS M. BANNER, Supt.

CHOIR

G. H. RICHMOND, Director
MRS. E. MATTHEWS, Organist

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Sunday School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Worship ..... 11.00 A. M.
B. T. U. ..... 6.00 P. M.
Evening Worship ..... 7.30 P. M.
Mid-Week Meeting — Wednesday ..... 7.30 P. M.



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REV. J. LEWIS POWELL, Pastor
2421 Davis Street
Charlotte, N. C.

RESIDENCE PHONE: 2-1574 CHURCH PHONE: 3-9649

Members joined 1933

Mrs. Ollie Kinchen joined May 14th 1933
watch care
Evelen Kinchen joined June 11th 1933
Baptised by Rev. Powell.

Pearl More joined June 4th 1933
Christian Experience

Mary Smith joined June 18th 1933
Christian Experience

Hellen McDaniel joined June 11th 1933
Baptised by Rev Powell.

Gertie Thompson joined Aug. 6th 1933
Christian Experience
Edd Gist joined Sept. 10th 1933
Christian Experience.
Rev. A. Andrew Brown. joined Sept. 17. 1933
by Letter.

A. Green joined oct 1st 1933 Christian Ex.

Willie mae Stell Baptised Dec. 10th 1933
by Rev. J. L. Powell.

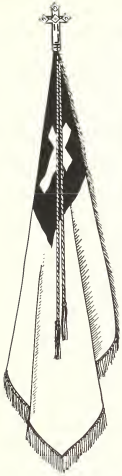
Eva Jones joined watch Care Nov. 19th 1933

Mary L. Pauling Christian Experience
joined oct 1st 1933

Mailing List

Dr. G. E. Davis
301 Carmel St.

Mrs. D. H. Wms.	526 E. Boundary St.
Miss Lenora Byers	429 E. Liberty
Mrs. J. L. Wms.	426 E. Liberty
Mr. E. J. Philipps	1612 Baxter St.
Mr. C. R. Blake Sr.	426 E. 1st. St.
Rev. R. J. Davidson	1215 Beatty Fd. Rd.
Mrs. N. L. Leary	620 E. Boundary
Mrs. E. L. Taylor	500 W. Hill St.
Rev. F. C. Shirley	621 Carmel St.
Mr. Alex Davis	1907 Oakland Ave.
Rev. J. H. Moore	1024 S. Church St.
Mr. W. G. Morgan	1714 Oakland Ave.
Dr. Chas. H. Shute	1736 N. Trade St.
Mrs. Rosa Mendingall	311 S. Myers St.
Mrs. N. M. Mosely	815 E. Boundary
Mrs. H. L. McCrorey	J. C. Smith
Dr. H. L. McCrorey	" " "
Miss Nellie Gabriel	1301 Beatty Fd.
Miss M. Gabriel	" " "
Mr. Henry Gabriel	2212 Tate St.
Dr. French Tyson	829 S. Brevard
Mr. Oscar Jackson	607 S. Alex. St.
Mr. Clint Scales	1700 Beatty Fd.
Mr. Geo. Evans	Blandwood Apt.
Mr. W. M. Youngue	626 E. 8th St.



CHAPTER V
YEARS OF EXPANSION
1948–1981

THE REVEREND COLEMON WILLIAM KERRY, JR. (1923-1981) was the youngest man to ever serve the pastorate at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. On December 22, 1981, Reverend Kerry died of cancer, after serving 33 years and ten months as Senior Minister. It was he who was considered as a pillar of the community, a stalwart and an upright citizen. He was endeared with love and respect by all whom he encountered. This was indeed evident as the community mourned Pastor Kerry's untimely death. Local, state, and national dignitaries walked behind the casket at **"Colemon's Homegoing,"** another sign of how this mild-mannered man made an impact on people of all walks of life.

Early Life

Family Background. Colemon William Kerry, Jr. was the son of Aberline and Colemon W. Kerry, Sr., a Baptist Minister who served as Secretary of the Board of Education for the National Baptist Convention. Young Colemon, one of four sons, was born on January 5, 1923, in Jacksonville, Florida. His mother died when the children were quite young, and their rearing became the responsibility of their father.

Boyhood. At the early age of seven, this **"Shepherd Boy"** accepted **Jesus Christ** and was baptized into the **Christian Faith.** Kerry answered the call to the Gospel Ministry at the age of nine, and for more than fifteen years, he was a part of a Father and Son Evangelistic Team that traveled throughout America preaching the **Gospel of Christ.**

Young Adulthood. Throughout his young adult life, this soldier made a profound impression upon fellow **"Men of the Cloth"** and laymen, upon the seniors and the teens, the politicians and the citizenry, the poor, the needy, the rich and famous, the learned and the unlearned as well as

Rev. Kerry, Sr., first from the left, Rev. Kerry, Jr., third from the left, with a group of ministers after a service

the churched and the unchurched. To have known Kerry was to have loved and respected him.

Education. Moving from Jacksonville, Florida, the family settled in the Dallas and Marshall, Texas regions where Colemon was reared and ultimately began his education. Pastor Kerry attended H. B. Pemberton High School in Marshall, Texas; Bishop College in Dallas, Texas; Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia; The American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee; and Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Early years at Friendship. After the departure of Reverend John Lewis Powell in 1947, Friendship was once again without a pastor. After a series of meetings, the Church Board decided to call the Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Sr. as its minister. However, Reverend Kerry, Sr. declined this call, as he was an evangelist and wanted to continue that mission; instead he sent his son, the Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. This decision did not please the Board, as the younger Reverend Kerry was a student and a single man; but, the elder Reverend Kerry was formerly President of the National Baptist Convention and a very powerful and influential man in Baptist circles, and the church did not want to offend him by rejecting his son. Therefore, a trial pastorate was agreed upon. On the second Sunday in January in 1948, Colemon, enthusiastically accepted the call to serve as Pastor of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

A few weeks of evangelical style preaching and singing brought the congregation to their feet, shouting in a manner long unseen in Friendship and had them "digging down deep in their pockets." With the financial reports escalating rapidly and new members and visitors increasing at a tremendous rate, the Board embraced the young minister and he was duly installed as the Pastor. There he remained for approximately 33 years, the longest tenure of ministerial service in the

history of the church. This long-term ministry began in the second structure, located on the corner of East First and South Brevard Streets. Although Rev. Allen L. Lewis was Friendship's first pastor, he and numerous other ministers paved the way for this young and talented religious leader who came with a dedication and motivation that would chart this church's history and progress. Here was a contemporary preacher who brought to the congregation a fresh, new style of delivery and the glorious gospel singing of the Barnette, Fiddmont, and Kerry Trio. It was Friendship where Pastor Kerry made his mark; he set out to explain, clarify and define the organizational structure, the doctrines and principles, and the duties and responsibilities of the leadership in the Missionary Baptist churches in the Association.

Kerry's Family. On July 6, 1950, Marizetta Hardy and Colemon William Kerry were united in holy matrimony. Later, the couple was blessed with a son, William Thomas Kerry who, at an

early age, became actively involved in the activities of the church and community. Mrs. Kerry, referred to as the First Lady of the church, found a niche for herself. She greeted and welcomed members and visitors, led the women of the church as they worked for **Christ,** and served in many capacities as counselor, friend, and mentor to church family members. Sister Kerry supplied the support that the minister and many of the members desired. According to Pastor Kerry, the family that prays together, stays together. This family furnished that high Christian example that so many of us desperately yearn for.

The 1960's. In July of 1961, the church was informed that in two years, its property would be bought and the building vacated because of the Urban Redevelopment Program. This was most disturbing news as no prior communication had been given to the church until the announcement was made at a public meeting. It became immediately necessary to rethink plans and rechart the course of action, in the midst of an extensive renovation program. Fortunately for the Pastor and congregation, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System agreed to permit weekly use of the

Northwest Junior High School Auditorium where regular Sunday morning worship services were held for approximately seven years, at a cost of $15.00 per week.

Friendship accepted this new challenge as an opportunity to enlarge its ministry. All outstanding financial obligations were met; a Building Campaign Committee was organized; an architect, L. Frank Caldwell was hired, and a new site was purchased. The new site, 3.822 acres, was purchased from the Ervin Construction Company at a cost of $35,500.00. Of this amount, Ervin Construction Company contributed $9,500.00. This land purchase was made possible through the sacrificial giving of the membership and a $200,000.00 bond program for the construction of a new physical plant. This is the present site located at 3301 Beatties Ford Road in the Northwood Estates Development. Plans were approved for the new structure on August 16, 1964 and construction began in the spring of 1965.

Being committed to the bible teachings of giving the tithe and offering, Friendship raised all building funds without the aid of rallies, programs, or fundraisers. More than $114,000.00 was given to the building program alone.

The new sanctuary, now valued in excess of one and one-quarter million dollars, was built along with the help of members who volunteered numerous hours of labor in digging and pouring the sidewalks, cleaning bricks, and performing other tasks.

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JAMES R. MCGILL
KNEELER MORROW, SR.
HOWARD PETTICE
ELVIN TATUM
WILLIAM R. WATTS
CHARLES WARREN WILLIAMS

The 1970's. Once the church had been dedicated on July 5, 1970, Pastor Kerry proceeded to direct and implement new and progressive outreach ministries. During the decade of the seventies, Friendship was an active community church. The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Day Care Center was initiated and at its zenith, provided service for over 100 preschoolers and employment for quite a few adults. It was the vision of Pastor Kerry that the church provide for the needs of the membership. Thus, the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Federal Credit Union was established to provide an avenue for its members to save and borrow money. We also witnessed the creation of the Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. Scholarship Fund. Through this fund, all students of the Friendship family who had the desire and ability to acquire a higher education could depend on their church to assist them.

AFFILIATIONS

After twenty years of being actively involved in church organizations on the local, state, and national levels, Colemon became affiliated with various educational, business, civic, and political groups. Because of his philosophy of service to

others, his education and his experience, he was an asset, not only to us, but to our entire community. He was a "first" in numerous instances; the first black chairman of the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Area Fund and the first editor of the **Baptist Informer** to fully equip an office for the publication at no cost to the convention. He also became the first black member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, and served the school board during a two and one-half year period beginning in 1968 that was among the most tumultuous periods in the twentieth century. The period was punctuated by the 1969 U.S. District Court decision that led to the school system's current busing plan. Pastor Kerry originated many projects, one of which was Careers Unlimited, an organization of volunteers who recruited, counseled, tutored, and aided students who sought to further their education. He served on the following Boards of Directors:

North Carolina Council of Churches
Boy Scouts of America
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Florence Crittenton Homes
Social Planning Council
National Conference of Christians and Jews
YMCA
Goodwill Industries
Salvation Army
Human Resources-Man Power
Family and Children's Services
North Carolina Professional Education Committee
President, Druid Hills Elementary School P.T.A.

He also accepted opportunities for service and used his time, energies, intellect, and material resources in these organizations: Anita Stroud Foundation, Baptist Ministers Conference No. 1, Central Piedmont Community College, Trustee; Christian Minister's Fellowship; Democratic Party; General and Executive Boards of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Chairman, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission; Treasurer, Mecklenburg General Baptist Association; Urban League; and appointed by the President of the United States to the Committee for the Successful Integration of Schools.

Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. worked untiringly in the service of the **Lord** through Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and the Charlotte community.

"I call him the new breed of ministers," said then City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Harvey Gantt, a church trustee and member since 1965. He continued by saying that Rev. Kerry's civic work influenced many blacks to become involved in the community. "I don't know that he didn't have something to do with my getting into politics," Gantt said.

"It's a great loss for us, but we are a people of vision," commented Robert Person, Jr., another trustee and chairman of the special committee for church administration appointed after Rev. Kerry became ill. "He has trained us well. He taught us to care about each other. We rejoice that we have been a part of his life," added Person.

As a final tribute, the obituary comforted us with these lasting words:

One has but one life to live.
What one does with it determines whether
he lives or dies.
If one decides to serve others and give —
No death but immortality.

Important Dates in the Life of Colemon W. Kerry, Jr.

1923 (January 5)	*Born in Jacksonville, Florida*
1948 (January 5)	*Accepted the call to pastor Friendship Missionary Baptist Church*
1948 (June 27)	*Introduced tithing to the church, proved to be the most effective program to date*
1950 (July 6)	*Married Marizetta Hardy*
1963 (October 1)	*Saw Friendship move from Brevard Street because of Urban Redevelopment*
1968 (April 8)	*Directed ground breaking ceremonies for new church*
1968 (April 9)	*Appointed to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, the first Black member*
1970 (July 5)	*Led the dedication ceremonies for the new church on Beatties Ford Road*
1973 (October 28)	*Celebrated 25th Anniversary at Friendship*
1980 (April 5)	*Spearheaded the efforts toward dedication of Martin Luther King, Jr. statue in Marshall Park*
1981 (December 22)	*Expired at age 58*

CHAPTER VI

YEARS OF FAITH

1981–1983

The **Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Jr.** had truly left his mark on Charlotte and especially on Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Even during his illness, he was there when the church needed him, carrying out his ministerial duties from his hospital bed.

In the Foreword of the Church Proposal for 1981, Pastor Kerry wrote that the 90th Church Anniversary and the 10th Anniversary in the new location gave Friendship its best year yet. The "Out — Reach" Program resulted in over 150 new converts, processed through the New Members' Classes, and of that number 95% were involved in the total program of the church. No longer were members following "the road of least resistance." The "In — Reach" Program revealed a tremendous willingness to work. A new spirit of adventure and experimentation came to the forefront.

The Hot Lunch Program became a reality. New life had come to the Credit Union. The Day Care Center reached full capacity. The Cassette Ministry was fully operational. The Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. Scholarship Fund had invested $10,000.00. The Audio-Visual Aids department was becoming stronger. Dual Worship was initiated. The Bus Ministry became invaluable. Consequently, Worship was truly a "Genuine Experience."

In his Message, Pastor Kerry seemed to sense that his days were numbered, as he admonished the members to "accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative" and not become diverted by the "in between." He went on to say that within the ranks of the church were people from all walks of life, talented and gifted people. Many were educationally prepared and multitudes were endowed with good "common sense." Every member knew what needed to be done to improve the program of the church and the quality of their lives. Rehearsal time was over. IT WAS NOW TIME TO PERFORM.

"If you don't know your lines, learn them. If you are not familiar with the directions, get the signals straight. If you don't know your job, get the necessary training." "ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU; SEEK, AND YE SHALL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU: FOR EVERYONE THAT ASKETH RECEIVETH; AND HE THAT SEEKETH FINDETH; AND TO HIM THAT KNOCKETH IT SHALL BE OPENED."

Matthew 7:7-8

Indeed, this was a time of sorrow at the untimely death of our beloved Pastor and friend. However, because of his astute organizational expertise, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church continued to operate smoothly, while she mourned and prayed for **God** to send another **Shepherd.**

During this two year period, guest ministers provided strong spiritual sustenance for the membership, and the choirs, along with all other organizations of the church, continued to sustain the congregation in prayer, in love, and in service to the glory of **God.**

The church was very capably led by Brother Robert L. Person, Jr. who, along with a committee, spearheaded a search for the thirteenth Pastor of Friendship.

Other Committee Members included:

Sisters Norma Young, Florizel Ervin, Bettye McLaurin, Elizabeth Hutchison, Sonja Gantt Gibson, and Brothers William McDonald, Kenneth Chambers, Julius Chambers, Grover Anthony, Robert Ligon, Forest Eaves, Herman Rushing, William Ervin, Sr., Harvey Gantt, Clayton Barnes, Mack McRae, Howard Pettice, and Frank Williams.

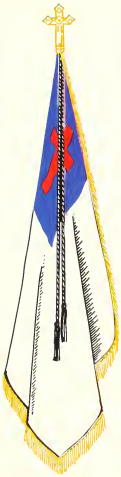
DON'T QUIT

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, AS THEY SOMETIMES WILL,
WHEN THE ROAD YOU'RE TRUDGING SEEMS ALL UP HILL,
WHEN THE FUNDS ARE LOW, AND THE DEBTS ARE HIGH,
AND YOU WANT TO SMILE, BUT YOU HAVE TO SIGH,
WHEN CARE IS PRESSING YOU DOWN A BIT,
REST IF YOU MUST, BUT DON'T YOU QUIT.

LIFE IS QUEER WITH ITS TWISTS AND TURNS,
AS EVERYONE OF US SOMETIMES LEARNS,
AND MANY A FAILURE TURNS ABOUT,
WHEN HE MIGHT HAVE WON HAD HE STUCK IT OUT;
DON'T GIVE UP THOUGH THE PACE SEEMS SLOW,
YOU MAY SUCCEED WITH ANOTHER BLOW.

SUCCESS IS FAILURE TURNED INSIDE OUT,
THE SILVER TINT OF THE CLOUDS OF DOUBT,
AND YOU NEVER CAN TELL HOW CLOSE YOU ARE,
IT MAY BE NEAR WHEN IT SEEMS SO FAR;
SO STICK TO THE FIGHT WHEN YOU'RE HARDEST HIT,
IT'S WHEN THINGS SEEM WORSE,
THAT YOU MUST NOT QUIT.

— AUTHOR UNKNOWN



CHAPTER VII

REFLECTIONS: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

1983–

THE REVEREND DOCTOR CLIFFORD ANTHONY JONES, SR. was born on September 1, 1943 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is the youngest of seven children; Wilbert Jones, Riley Jones, Mary Harvey, Carmeta Fudd, Esther Bey, and Cora Lee Boyce (deceased), born to Cora Harris Jones and the late Loston Riley Jones.

Early Life

Family Background. Pastor Jones' father was born in Savannah, Georgia. He was a quiet, insightful, strict, yet caring and very warm individual whose strong influence is quite evident today. His mother, who was born in Abbeville, South Carolina is warm, giving, very loving, concerned, and has the patience of Job.

The family three-story home in Berlin, New Jersey sat on four acres of land with vegetable gardens, fruit trees, grapevines, and a variety of farm animals.

An integral part of family life was the church. First Baptist Church in Florence, New Jersey was Pastor Jones' church of affiliation during his teen years.

Education. At the age of five, Pastor Jones' family moved to Berlin, New Jersey where he received his formal education in the public schools. After completing his kindergarten year at Tansboro Elementary School, he was enrolled in Cedar Brook Elementary School, which included grades one through eight. Classes consisted of two grades per room with one teacher for two years; Pastor Jones had only white teachers. Because of overcrowded conditions, the eighth grade was housed in the Cedar Brook Fire Station. This small community, ethnic school enrolled Black,

White, Jewish, and Italian children, who caught a bus approximately one-half mile from their homes.

After having completed the elementary school requirements, Pastor Jones attended Edgewood High School, located in a large community, where students continued to be bused. Throughout his high school years, he had only one Black teacher who taught science and who was the wrestling coach. His curriculum included Industrial Arts with emphasis on science and math, and he earned honor roll status in grades eleven and twelve. Pastor Jones' favorite teacher, Mr. Zardus, taught health and physical education. He was very understanding, patient, and encouraging, taking a special interest in him. Looking toward the future with a deep concern, Mr. Zardus offered to help defray college tuition costs for Pastor Jones.

While in high school, Pastor Jones participated in a variety of sports such as track and the javelin. However, he received All-Conference, All-District, All-Section, and State Finalist awards for the Shot Put. Wrestling earned him All-Conference and Second in the District honors. Additionally, he was undefeated the last two years of high school. In football, he earned All-Conference and All-District honors, and was voted the Most Outstanding Athlete in his senior year.

After high school, Pastor Jones received a four year scholarship to attend Tennessee A & I University, but after one month he departed, citing nostalgia. Later, he attended Maryland State College in Princess Anne Maryland, where he majored in Industrial Arts. While there, he was initiated into the Delta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity during his Sophomore year. He was also elected President of the Men's Senate during his Junior year. For three years, he played football and participated in track for four years. Most notably was his remaining an honor student throughout his college years, even with the many activities in which he was engaged; consequently, he was awarded the Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Arts.

Employment. Pastor Jones worked hard during the summer months, throughout his high school and college years, doing road construction work and farming at home and in the community. His hobbies included hunting and sports.

Post College Years

On June 10, 1967, Pastor Jones married the former Carolyn Brenda Reynolds from Asheville, North Carolina. After moving to Rochester, New Jersey, he taught Industrial Arts at Benjamin Franklin High School for two years. He also coached wrestling, track, judo, and football. On July 26, 1968, he was blessed with the birth of his first child, Michelle Antoinette whom he named. In the summer of 1970, he worked with an inner-city youth program, Young Life, sponsored by First United Methodist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

*Grace and Peace be unto you from **God** our **Father** and from **Jesus Christ His Son**, our **Lord** and our **Savior** — Let us Pray.*

Father,** as **You** and **Your Son** and **Spirit** are **One,** please allow your servant, **Your Word,** and wisdom to be one; that we may affirm the **Eminence** of your **Kingdom,** the power of **Your Spirit,** and the **Lordship** of **Your Son;** and even now I ask that you would allow me to claim a victory for the preaching of and from **Your Divine and Holy Word.** For I ask this prayer and I claim a victory for the same, in the name of **Jesus the Christ, The Lord and Savior. AMEN

Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

Call to the Ministry. In May of 1969, Pastor Jones preached his initial sermon at Aenon Baptist Church in Rochester, New York. He then began his religious studies in September of the same year, at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. There he received the Master of Divinity Degree with Languages and the Master of Theology Degree. He later received the degree of Doctor of Ministry at the Boston School of Theology. He has done further study at the Babcock School of Management, Regents Park College of Oxford University in Oxford, England, the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and Post-Doctoral study at the Rochester-Colgate Divinity School in Rochester, New York.

His previous pastorates have included: Bethlehem Baptist Church in Carthage, North Carolina from October of 1969 to July of 1970; Brookstone Baptist Church in Henderson, N. C. from September of 1970 to December of 1972; and First Baptist Church in Clinton, N. C. from December of 1972 to January of 1983. Having "expectation with great anticipation," Clifford Anthony Jones, Jr. was born on August 7, 1973.

While serving at the First Baptist Church of Clinton, N. C., Pastor Jones was active in community affairs and he led the organization of the

church's fully integrated day-care program. He also taught Bible classes in a nearby prison.

Call to Friendship. As Pastor Jones served the aforementioned rural churches in Eastern North Carolina, he sometimes drove a total of 300 miles round-trip each Sunday for the salary of $25.00. However, the **Lord,** in **His** divine and infinite wisdom richly blessed him and in 1983, he accepted the call and the challenge to become the thirteenth pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In an interview conducted by Terry Mattingly of the Charlotte News, Pastor Jones was asked about his stepping into a pulpit that has often served as a sounding board for issues facing the Charlotte black community as a whole. He said, "I have always felt that the pulpit and the preaching of the Gospel will always be on the cutting edge of social change in America. I believe that the pulpit here at Friendship will continue to have that kind of thrust. We will continue to challenge people to live the Christian life — to live and to help their brothers and sisters. We are our brothers' keepers. We have a very, very good foundation here at Friendship because of the years of leadership of Pastor Kerry. That kind of stability is what makes it possible for a church to get involved in other projects. This church will continue to be very involved in the community as a whole."

When thinking about the future, Pastor Jones said that he thinks as much about community projects as church projects. At times there will be no line between the two. He listed voter registration, day-care, nutrition programs in foreign countries, adult education, and services for the elderly, like a hot-meals program, as areas of service the church would continue and expand. The 1,300 member church was then considering the addition of another Sunday morning worship service as well as the expansion of its work with young people, single parents, and the elderly. Also planned were new church-sponsored efforts in Scouting for boys and girls and recreation activities for all ages. Additionally, Friendship planned to buy the old Post Office building next to the church to house community projects.

Pastor Jones considers himself to be a man of **God,** called to preach the Gospel. In his own words, "The joy of preaching about our **Lord** increases with each opportunity . . . a calmness moves in my life that increases as I grow closer and have a deeper understanding of the **Word of God** and have experiences with **Him.**"

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., many of the dreams and aspirations of Friendship Baptist Church have been realized. To accommodate the ever growing congregation, a closed-circuit television has been installed and an 8:30 a.m. Worship Service as well as a Junior Worship Service have been initiated. An active Senior Citizens program provides many beneficial and enjoyable opportunities for the elderly. Three Bible study classes enhance the understanding of the Scriptures. The Sunday School and Music departments reflect renewed spiritual growth and dedication. The youth department is being revitalized and we have tutorial and community outreach programs for them. To enhance the management of the church affairs, a computer system has been installed.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has been a progressive and cooperative church congregation, that has worked with its pastors in fulfilling **God's** Will on earth. Much of what the church is, has its basis in prayer, planning, and working in harmony. This is evidenced in the initiation of the acquisition of the old Post Office building and 1.5 acres of land adjacent to the church structure.

Over 570 persons had joined Friendship during the early years of the pastorate of Rev. Jones, making 1985 a major planning year, as Friendship prayerfully discussed how best to utilize the old

Post Office building and the land. It was agreed that our mission mandate required our involvement in the community and additional classroom and office space were needed. Therefore, the Church Planning Committee recommended a community enrichment center. Plans were presented by Gantt-Huberman Architects and the church adopted them at its Annual Conference. On July 27, 1986, the fourth Sunday, we shared in the dedication of our newly renovated Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Community Enrichment Center.

Our future was bright, as the spirit of **Christ** continued to lead us. We continued to build upon our heritage as a missionary church. This was witnessed by a $20,000.00 mission project in Zaire, Africa. Our commitment to preschoolers, youth, and continuing education was witnessed by a $10,000.00 Memorial Theological Library at Shaw Divinity School, in honor of Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. Mission was being taken seriously and 11% of all income was allocated for that purpose.

Affiliations

Former Positions. Pastor Jones has previously served on the following Boards of Directors:

- Mecklenburg Council on Adolescent Pregnancy
- Afro-American Cultural Center
- Alcoholism and Drug Dependency
- Crisis Assistance Ministry
- C. W. Williams Health Center

He also rendered service to the following associations:

- General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.
  - Recording Secretary
  - Vice-Chairman, Executive Committee
  - Chairman of Moderators
- Minister's Council American Baptist Churches of the South
- Moderator, Mecklenburg General Baptist Association

Present Positions. Presently, Pastor Jones holds the following positions:

- General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.
  - Chairman of the Board
  - First Vice-President-at-Large
- Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention
  - Second Vice President
- Charlotte Area Clergy Association Member
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, Vice Chairperson
- Stewardship Task Force Member For African-American Churches of the American Baptist Churches, USA

He presently serves on the following Boards of Directors:

- Mechanics and Farmers Bank
- North Carolina Institute of Medicine
- Speakers' Bureau, Johnson C. Smith University
- Bio-Ethics Committee
- Family Planning Services

Organizations. Pastor Jones is a member of:

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People (NAACP)

Achievements. Notable achievements include:

- **Charlotte Magazine,** January, 1989 "One of '50' People to Watch in 1989"
- Who's Who In Religion In America
- Who's Who Among Black Americans
- Who's Who In International Biographies, Oxford, England

Finally, as we come to the end of our Centennial year, a comprehensive Building Committee has been appointed to assess our needs as a church, as we plan for the future. It is our prayer that we will be able to continue in a spirit of **Love, Peace, and Hope.** If **we Trust in the Lord** with all of our hearts and lean not unto our own understanding . . . and in all our ways acknowledge him, **He** will direct our paths.

Important Dates in the Life of Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

1943 (September 1)	*Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*
1967 (June 10)	*Married Carolyn Brenda Reynolds*
1968 (July 26)	*Blessed with birth of first child,Michelle Antoinette Jones*
1969 (May)	*Preached initial sermon at Aenon Baptist Church in Rochester, New York*
1973 (August 7)	*Blessed with birth of second child, Clifford Anthony Jones, Jr.*
1983 (January)	*Became the thirteenth Pastor of Friendship*
1986 (July 27)	*Led the dedicatorial services for the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Community Enrichment Center*
1986 (October 31)	*Elected Moderator of Mecklenburg General Baptist Association*
1988 (August)	*Elected 2nd Vice President, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention*
1990 (October 12)	*Honored as Moderator at Annual Recognition Banquet*
1990 (October)	*Elected 1st Vice President-at-Large/Chairman of the Board of the General Baptist State Convention*

CHAPTER VIII

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF WORKING FOR CHRIST

Centennial Celebrations (1990)

January, 1990.

The year-long celebration commenced with a candlelight "Re-Commitment Service" with First Baptist Church-West as our guests. This was quite appropriate for beginning our celebration since Friendship originally grew out of the First Baptist congregation.

First Baptist Church
1020 South Church Street
1901-1977

The First Baptist Church choir and congregation opened the service by singing the musical selection, **"We've Come This Far By Faith."** Representing both churches were the ministers, the deacons, the trustees and their spouses who marched into the church carrying pen lights. The program for the evening consisted of a Call to Commitment, a Prayer of Re-commitment, Communion, and a powerful message by the Reverend J. B. Humphrey, Senior Minister of First Baptist Church-West. The Reverend Jeremiah Robinson, along with members of the New Zion Baptist Church hymn choir and congregation, also, participated in the program by singing (among other selections) **"A Charge to Keep."**

Following the service, a coffee hour was held in the Adult Fellowship Hall. Delicious homemade pies and cakes were provided by members of the congregation.

February, 1990.

THE BLACK HISTORY COMMITTEE REMEMBERS OUR 100TH YEAR

The focus of the committee has been to highlight our wonderful **AFRICAN PAST.** We repair the broken links in our chains to build a strong bond. We tell the children, who can tell their children, of our **GLORIOUS AFRICAN PAST.**

Our presentations are made primarily during **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in February, highlighting **AFRICAN-AMERICAN** art, culture, and history.

During our **CENTENNIAL** year, we again heard representations from historical personalities. Dressed in the attire, of the period, they spoke of their lives and deeds. We listened to Jomo Kenyatta, Gabriel Prosser; and Mary McLeod Bethune was discussed by Julius Chambers. Anthony Browder, an Egyptologist, talked about our stereotypical image in the media. For the first time in Friendship's history, we invited a Muslim Minister, Abdul Alim Muhammad to sit on a panel with Pastor Jones and others. Christians and Muslims sitting together in harmony and peace was a day to remember.

Concerts were given by choirs from North Carolina Central University, Johnson C. Smith University and the Children of the Sun from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Also, there was the beautiful singing rendered by the Friendship Church Choir and we sat spellbound by the glorious gift of song by Lawrence Tolliver.

Slavery has brought about one of the greatest atrocities that can be committed on a people, the loss of their heritage. There is no focus when a people do not know of their home, family, cultures, and traditions.

Our committee attempts to create a love of self, family, home, and homeland. We are one by who we are, what we are, and from whence we have come.

1990 Committee Members

Alicia McCullough
Gloria Hailey Hunte
Eleanor Tolliver
Sandra Williams
Maxine McGill
Michael Covington
M. Bonnie Hines, Advisor

Women Celebrating

of

Working for Christ

1890-1990

March 18, 1990

Friendship Missionary
Baptist Church

Dr. Clifford A Jones, Sr.
Pastor

March, 1990.

WOMEN'S DAY 1990 AT FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

"Women Celebrating 100 Years of Working for Christ" was the theme chosen by the Friendship women of 1990 to celebrate one of the most historical events of our **Centennial** observance. The Steering Committee members planned an array of events that involved a majority of the women and girls of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

A YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

On March 11, 1990, the teen-agers (13-18) participated in a Youth Symposium, **"Making The Right Choices, Responsibilities and Consequences."** The panel of experts chosen for this activity included Sister Tammy Foster, Health Educator, Planned Parenthood; Sister Brenda Jones, Guidance Counselor, Northwest Middle School; and Sister Joanne Stevenson, Counselor, Drug Education Center. The panelists focused on these issues facing the Teens of the 90's: Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Peer Pressure and Attitudes, and Teen-Age Pregnancies. A lively

discussion, and a Question-Answer period ensued and provided for an interesting, informative, and worthwhile session.

"THE SISTERS'-IN-CHRIST BANQUET"

The Women of Friendship and their special guests — the Senior Women of the Church — gathered at the Enrichment Center on March 16, 1990 to enjoy an evening of fellowship and sisterhood.

The program included a brief devotional period and the presentation of these **Mini-Talks:**

Missionary Women of Yesteryear
Sister Marizetta Kerry

Missionary Women of Today
Sister Nadine Weaver

Missionary Women of Tomorrow
Sister Nicole Frazier

The talks were graciously received and highly enjoyed.

A savory meal, catered by our own **Brother Floyd Young** and his **Associates,** was served and truly enjoyed by those in attendance.

Another highlight of the evening was the informal modeling of fashions representing the Decades from 1890 through 1990.

All of these special Women's Day activities served to unite our women, encourage their total involvement, provide wholesome and spiritual experiences, and to utilize the talents of the women who had been called to serve. We are truly grateful that we accepted and met the challenge.

"THE SLABTOWN DISTRICT CONVENTION PLAY"

Performing in **"The Slabtown District Convention Play"** were some courageous and determined Women of Friendship. This one act comedy was performed on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University, at Biddle Auditorium, on March 17, 1990. The cast was hilarious, "kept the audience in stitches," and amazed them with their acting expertise. Not only was the audience impressed, but there was created much enthusiasm,

laughter, and camaraderie among the players. Although the play was humorous, there were some very serious implications and some important lessons to be learned.

This play, directed by Sister Dorothy Robinson, was another successful venture in the endeavors of the **FRIENDSHIP WOMEN OF 1990.**

THE 1990 WOMEN'S DAY SPEAKER

Our 1990 Women's Day speaker, **The Reverend Ruby P. Lennon** is a native of Fairmont, North Carolina. She attended North Carolina Central University and Shaw Divinity School; is a member and Associate Minister of First Baptist Church of Fairmont where Dr. Joy Johnson is the pastor; is employed by the Robeson County Public School System as a Librarian and by the Shaw Divinity School as Instructor of Writing and Research.

The most dramatic and climactic of the month's activities was the message which Reverend Lennon delivered on Sunday, March 18, 1990, at the early morning worship hour as well as at the regular eleven o'clock hour.

The minister took her text from **The 23rd Psalm**, with the emphasis being placed on the second verse, **"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside still waters."** Throughout the sermon, Reverend Lennon reminded us of the qualities and responsibilities of the **"GOOD SHEPHERD."**

She clearly and eloquently referred to **THE 23RD PSALM as the "PSALM OF INSPIRATION"** and compared the role of David the Shepherd Boy to the roles that modern man sometimes has to play. It's our relationship with the **LORD — THE GOOD SHEPHERD — That makes us lie down in green pastures as HE leads us beside the still waters. All of our rich experiences, good or bad, will only make us stronger for the job ahead and more worthy of HIS goodness**, according to the minister.

The Women of Friendship, like the shepherd, have others to watch over and to lead. We, too, must be led by the **HOLY SPIRIT.** It was the Messenger who admonished the Women of the 90's to go and tell the story of the **"GOOD SHEPHERD"**, not only in words, but, also in deeds and with commitment. The Women's Day Speaker left us with the challenge to forge ahead and continue working for **CHRIST** in the years to come.

1990 WOMEN'S DAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Steering the women of the 90's was Sister Doretha L. Leak, Women's Day Chairperson; Co-Chairing the Committee was Sister Rose Clay. Serving as Advisor to the Committee was Sister Artie Phillips, while Sister Margie S. Holman served as Recording Secretary for the group. Other chairpersons and co-chairs were Sisters:

Program Committee
Carolyn Lloyd — Chairperson
Gloria Hailey Hunte — Co-Chairperson

Social Committee
Juanita P. White — Chairperson
Marian Campbell — Co-Chairperson

Enlistment Committee
Lauretta Chisolm — Chairperson
Cubia Spaulding — Co-Chairperson

Mission in Action Committee
Nettie H. Myrick — Chairperson
Barbara M. Stephens — Co-Chairperson

Education Committee
E. Carolice Graham — Chairperson
Betty Cooper — Co-Chairperson

Enlistment Committee
Peggy Ward — Chairperson

Publicity Committee
Sandra Y. Yarborough — Chairperson

Photography Committee
Betty Matthews — Chairperson
Beverly Hightower — Co-Chairperson

It was through the concerted efforts of the Steering Committee Members and the total cooperation of all committee members that we were able to realize another successful and outstanding Women's Day Observance.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the endeavors of all committee members.

April, 1990.
Friendship Atlanta Meets Friendship Charlotte

This historic occasion began with the arrival of Friendship Atlanta at McDonald's Inn on Saturday, April 21, 1990 at 12:20 p.m. The invitation extended to Friendship Atlanta to be our special guests for the weekend was an acknowledgement of the special relationship between two churches that had not previously met. After the group's check-in, Deacon William McDonald greeted

them at Friendship and provided them with a brief history of the church and acknowledged Friendship Charlotte as the namesake of Friendship Atlanta. The itinerary for the weekend included the following: a tour of the city, shopping, a "meet and greet" session with light refreshments being served in the hospitality room of the hotel, and a continental breakfast.

Worship services on Sunday, April 22, 1990 included music by Atlanta's handbell and gospel choirs, with The Reverend William Vincent Guy delivering messages at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Following the eleven o'clock service, dinner was served in the Enrichment Center. Good-byes were said with the promise that the two churches would soon worship together again.

May, 1990.

During the month of May, the Centennial activities centered around honoring the senior citizens and presenting a play portraying Friendship's heritage. The senior citizens attended a retreat at Mountain Brook Inn at Steiner-Bell in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. From Monday, April 30th to Thursday, May 3rd, a group of fifty senior citizens enjoyed fun, fellowship, and prayer with each other. Time was set aside for Bible Study, Prayer Service, sightseeing, games, and a talent show. All who attended the retreat had a truly enjoyable time.

On Sunday, May 20th, both worship services were led by senior citizens. Pastor Jones preached during the 8:30 a.m. worship service. The sermon was delivered at the 11:00 a.m. service by Reverend Patterson, a retired minister.

Later that afternoon, the Friendship Players presented a play portraying the heritage of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, entitled "A Church Is Born." A highlight of the play was Anthony Jones' portrayal of his father as the pastor of the church. The play, held at the enrich-

ment Center, was well-received by all who attended.

The play, "A Church Is Born" was so highly received that the Friendship Players were asked to do an encore performance.

Refreshments were served by the Centennial Social Committee following the play.

HISTORICAL WALK

June, 1990.

Commemorating one hundred years of working for **Christ,** it was fitting that an historical walk occur from the point at which our forefathers took a step in faith to establish the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. It was appropriate that the current church location should be the completion for this commemorative walk. And so it was, that on Saturday, June 23, 1990, approximately three hundred-fifty men, women, and children retraced **"the steps"** of our church.

It is well known that Friendship's founders withdrew from the First Baptist Church, located at South Church and West Dunbar Streets. Therefore, this marked the starting point for the Centennial Walk. In his opening remarks, Pastor Jones brought the purpose for the walk into clear perspective, assuring that all were of kindred heart and mind, just as they were in spirit. After prayer, the members, garbed in Centennial T-shirts and other comfortable attire, carried an explanatory banner as they walked briskly to the site of our first permanent church structure at East First and South Brevard Streets. They were greeted there by members of the historical committee bearing an informative sign. Deacon Ligon offered brief remarks about the history of that

site, while Deacon Caldwell led the singing of an old metered hymn, a common occurrence in that sanctuary.

The Centennial walkers continued their trek through downtown Charlotte and on to Johnson C. Smith University, where they rested briefly. The University very graciously extended itself for this purpose. Leaving this location, they proceeded to the fourteen hundred block of Beatties Ford Road, where we worshipped in the Northwest Junior High School auditorium for seven years. Brother William H. Morrow made brief remarks concerning those moments of history. The next stop was our current church facility, 3301 Beatties Ford Road, where breakfast was provided for everyone.

At each stop, the walkers were joined by members who were unable, for various reasons, to walk the entire route. They were also greeted by members of the historical committee and others who were unable to walk, but wanted to be a part of this commemorative event. In essence, the unity that characterized the spirit of the forty founding members of this fellowship, was symbolized by members of the congregation and the community, whose combined efforts made the walk a success and together wrote another page in the history of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

"Take Me Back"
Old Fashioned Church Services

Sunday, June 24, 1990 found the congregation filled with nostalgia as they worshipped at three services. The services were led by the pastor and deacons. No women (except the choir director) were allowed in the pulpit area. The Reverend A. Louis Patterson, pastor of Mt. Corinth Baptist Church in Houston, Texas preached at each of the

services. In keeping with the theme "Take Me Back", a six o'clock evening service was held. At that service, the congregation marched to the table with their offering, and an old fashioned "Pounding of the Preacher" was staged by members of the Centennial Committee.

The preacher received a ham, several cakes, greens, sugar, butter, meal, flour and various other items. We have no idea how he boarded the plane or how much our dear Pastor Jones ate the following week. Soloists for the day were Brothers Walter Kennedy, Arthur Wallace, and Sister Eva Hunter.

July, 1990.
Homecoming

Homecoming emphasis began with Wednesday evening services being led by the "sons of Friendship." On Wednesday, July 11, 1990, The Reverend Fred Gibson, choir and congregation of the Greater Providence Baptist Church worshipped with the Friendship Family. Services on Wednesday July 18, 1990, were led by the Reverend Mack McRae, the choirs and congregation of the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Pineville, North Carolina. These two worship experiences prepared the congregation for homecoming services on Sunday, July 15, 1990 and provided the homecoming "after glow."

Homecoming weekend started with a picnic at Latta Plantation Park on Saturday, July 14, 1990. Our guests for the weekend were the Reverend J. L. White, Sr., Pastor and choir of the First Calvary Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia. Other activities for our guests included shopping and breakfast provided by McDonald's Inn.

Rev. White preached at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. The culminating event for the weekend

was a buffet dinner held in the Enrichment Center at 1:30 that afternoon.

Other guests included the following:

Mrs. Sue Myrick, Mayor of Charlotte and husband
Mr. Hoyle Martin, City Councilman, and wife
Mrs. Robert Albright, representing her husband, president of J. C. Smith University
Mr. James Richardson, Senator, and wife
Rev. Fred Gibson, Pastor, Greater Providence Baptist Church
Rev. Leon C. Riddick, Retired Pastor Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Mrs. J. L. Powell, Wife of a former pastor of Friendship, the Reverend J. Lewis Powell

Mrs. J.L. Powell and Brother Ernest McCree

August, 1990.

Youth Involvement was the Centennial focus for the month of August. Reverend Ronald Maxwell was the youth minister for the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on Sunday, August 26, 1990. Reverend Maxwell grew up in Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and was very involved in the youth department while he lived in Charlotte. During both worship services, the Moment of History, reflecting on youth involvement, was read by two members of the Youth Department: Early Morning Worship, Tolly Kennon, Jr. 11:00 Worship Service, Natasha Wilkins.

Reverend Maxwell was welcomed back to Friendship by the church family and friends. It was an inspiration to the youth to have "A Son of the Church" return to bring a message of love and hope.

September, 1990.

Revival! Revival! Revival!

What a glorious time to be alive and able to praise the Lord!! A special guest led the 11:00 and 6:00 p.m. worship services on Sunday, September 16th, to open the week of rejoicing. The Rev. Andrew J. Brown from Indianapolis, Indiana, a longtime friend of the Friendship family, was welcomed with open arms as he praised us for the work we had done since his last visit.

At the end of the evening service, Deacon William McDonald and Sister Phyllis Chapman presented Rev. Brown with mementos of the Centennial celebration: A cap, jacket, calendar and bag. Following the service, a reception was held in the Adult Fellowship Hall where members of the congregation were able to greet Rev. Brown in a more personal way.

Rev. Anthony Jinright from Salem Baptist Church and other local ministers served as revival speakers for the week. Rev. Jinright delivered the sermon at the 8:30 worship service on Sunday, September 16th. He was accompanied by his choirs and congregation. The following ministers were our special revival guests each evening:

Monday, September 17, 1990
Reverend George Cook, the Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church Choirs and Congregation

Tuesday, September 18, 1990
Reverend Paul Drummond, the Saint Paul Baptist Church Choirs and Congregation

Wednesday, September 19, 1990
Reverend Chiffie Tomlin, the Second Calvary Baptist Church Choirs and Congregation

Thursday, September 20, 1990
Reverend A. B. Sutton, the Ebenezer Baptist Church Choirs and Congregation

Friday, September 21, 1990
Reverend William Lee, Jr., the Silver Mount Baptist Church Choirs and Congregation

Throughout this week of Revival and Restoration, there was a time for witnessing God's goodness, celebrating and expressing gratefulness, and proclaiming a spirit of true repentance.

October, 1990.

Comprehensive Building Service Committee

I. COMMITTEE BACKGROUND

The committee was organized in 1989 with an emphasis on the diversity of the membership. During a period from February to May, committee Chairpersons and members were selected. The committees and committee Chairpersons are as follows:

Survey	Ray Kennedy	Advisors	Robert Person, Jr. William Pickens, Sr.
Program	Clara Mitchell		Dorothy Anthony
Publicity	Sonja Gantt Gibson		
Finance	Charles Blackwell		
Construction	Willie DeShields		
Administrative Assistant	Janet McCain		
Executive Committee	Richard Lancaster		

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

A. To assess the characteristics of the Church Congregation
B. To assess the current uses of the Church
C. To assess various Church Programs
D. To determine what Programs the Church should offer
E. To determine what resources and/or facilities the Church needs to serve its current and future members and facilitate current and future programs.

III. STATUS OF THE COMMITTEES

A. SURVEY — The committee has submitted a draft report to the Executive Committee for its review and comment. This report contains data (Informational, Statistical, Geographical, and Demographic) on the Church and Community collected during a six month period starting in July, 1989. After this report is reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee it will be forwarded to the Program Committee, General Board, and Pastor Jones for their information.

B. PROGRAM — The committee has organized into the following sub-groups:

Worship	Christian Education
Outreach	Fellowship and Recreation
Administration	

The committee will be studying and observing how our Church and other Churches address each of these areas. Their objective is to help determine an overall Program for the Church and what facility renovations and/or additions may be needed to help us as a Church carry out our Program.

To date the committee has visited several Churches (including Hickory Grove Baptist Church), developed a Mission Statement for the Church (subject to approval by Pastor Jones and the Church congregation,) and developed an interview guide for gathering information on various church organizations.

The committee plans to visit Churches in Washington, D.C. and Atlanta to observe their programs. The committee will start interviewing various leaders of Church organizations and church members to gather input for their report.

The committee expects to have a draft of its report completed by March 31, 1990. The final report and recommendations will be completed by June, 1990. This report will be submitted to the Executive Committee, General Board, and Pastor Jones for approval before submission to the Church Congregation for approval.

C. PUBLICITY — The committee has done the following to help keep the Church Congregation informed of this process:

1. Created two different presentations on Church bulletin boards discussing the Comprehensive Building Committee and specifically the Survey Committee.

2. Written an article for the Friendship Informer.

3. Made announcements from the Pulpit discussing the Committee.

4. Met with all committees to gather information on the process and periodically reported to the Church Congregation.

The committee will continue to use and develop communication channels to help keep the Congregation informed.

D. FINANCE — The committee has reviewed historical financial information of the Church to determine what resources are available for any renovations and/or additions to the building. The committee will begin to develop a more comprehensive financial report as we go further in the process. This report will include costs of any recommendations, sources of funds to pay for recommendations and any recommendations as to how to raise funds.

E. CONSTRUCTION — The committee will become more involved with this process when specific recommendations are adopted.

The committee looks forward to carrying out its responsibilities and developing recommendations that will help our Church continue to grow in the Spirit of our **Lord and Savior.**

On November 4, 1990 at the annual church conference, the Comprehensive Building Service Committee presented its report to the church with opening remarks by Brother Richard Lancaster. He gave an overview of the committee's objectives. Sister Clara Mitchell gave the purpose of the committee and she then read the church's Mission Statement printed below:

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Mission Statement

We are the People of **God,**
Called together to be the **Body** of **Christ,**
Inspired by the **Holy Spirit:**
to proclaim **God's** will,
to love one another,
to be instruments of salvation—
preaching, teaching, worshipping,
caring, sharing, growing, and
giving service through community outreach.

Sister Mitchell reviewed the various churches visited by the committee members and highlighted some of the outstanding features found:

A complete health care and day care service for the elderly (Ebenezer Baptist Church — Atlanta)

Trained teen-age peer counselors and a drug abuse hotline (Salem Baptist Church — Atlanta)

Family Life Center (Hickory Grove Baptist Church — Charlotte)

Black Youth Enhancement Program (Shiloh Baptist Church — Washington, D.C.)

Other 1990 activities of the committee included:

- A study of church utilization
- An analysis of financing capabilities
- Forum presentations before the General Board and Congregation
- Visions of the week, articles in the Friendship Informer, and Special Emphasis

The Executive Committee will review the report in January, 1991, and will make a presentation to the General Board on February 1, 1991. Recommended items will be presented to the congregation for approval.

November, 1990.
Awards Banquet

On Saturday November 17, 1990, approximately 700 Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Members gathered at the Charlotte Apparel Center for what would normally be our **"Awards Banquet."** However, this year was special because we were celebrating **"100 YEARS OF WORKING FOR CHRIST."** The special feature was a play, **"A Church Is Born,"** which was written at the suggestion of our late Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. The play was performed by the Friendship Players and narrated by Sister Cathy Jones.

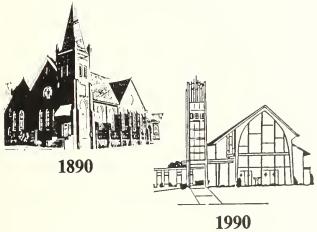
Special recognitions were given by Pastor Jones to the outgoing Women's Missionary Union President Lena H. Pickens, Trustee Chairperson Robert Person, Jr., and Sunday School Superintendent Dorothy Waddy.

To conclude what had truly been a wonderful evening, A Centennial Photoplate (designed by Sister Vi Davis) and a check from the Friendship Family were presented to Pastor and Sister Jones and Anthony by Deacon William McDonald.

A copy of the program is printed on the following page:

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
Dr. Clifford A. Jones,Sr. - Senior Minister

Celebrating 100 Years of Working for Christ



Centennial Awards Banquet

Charlotte Apparel Center
Saturday, November 17, 1990
6:30 p.m.

From The Pastor

. . . But if in your thought you must measure time into seasons, let each season encircle all the other seasons, and let today embrace the past with remembrance and the future with longing (Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet,* "On Time", pp. 62-63).

As we celebrate the festive season through this **Centennial Awards Banquet** we participate in one hundred years of history and innumerable lives. It is ours to perpetuate our heritage and history of a Christian Church that has survived an era of Jim Crow, the Great Depression, and two world wars. Being encircled by past seasons, we are fortified, empowered, and committed to **God's** calling for Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

This Centennial Awards Banquet affords us the privilege to embrace a humble beginning, a struggling mid-crisis, and now an illuminating future. Numerous sacrifices are not recorded in our history; numerous soldiers of calvary have labored long and tirelessly, never receiving a certificate, trophy, or plaque. So, whatever recognition or honor is received tonight, accept it with humility and for the faithful members whose voices have been silenced by the Technician of Heaven; accept it with conviction for the scores of those yet unborn who will follow in your footsteps.

"And let today embrace the past with remembrance and the future with longing."

Programme

Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Master of Ceremonies

Opening Selection — O How I Love Jesus

Statement of Purpose

Welcome — Brother William Morrow

Introduction of Head Table — Brother Willie Walker

Invocation and Grace — Reverend Van Jackson

Dinner is Served

Church Awards
Group Recognition — Brother Gregory Morris
Presentations — Sister Mary Gill

Musical Selection:
"You'll Never Walk Alone" — Male Chorus

Special Recognitions

Musical Interlude — Brother Gerado Stroud

Church History — A Dramatization
The Friendship Players

Closing Remarks — Brother William McDonald

Benediction — Reverend Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

Award Categories

Senior Citizens — Members who are at least 65 years old and demonstrate personal commitment to the church.

Oldest Member — Member of Friendship who has been a member of the church the longest.

Youth Honor Roll — Maintained "A" or "B" averages immediate past academic year.

Annual NAACP Gallery of Freedom Award — A deceased member who: (1) exemplified qualities of Christian commitment, (2) supported the Church program, and (3) showed persistence and determination to help realize specific church goals.

Sister Beulah John Perrin

Church Organization — (1) Outstanding service, (2) easily identifiable, (3) highly visible, (4) demonstrates organizational unity, and (5) mission involvement/representation of the organization.

The Baptist Young Women

Distinguished Service in the Community — An active member who (1) volunteers service above and beyond employment responsibilities within the past two years, (2) demonstrates dedicated service to improve the quality of life, and (3) exhibits persistence and determination to make community needs known to city-county governments.

Brother Robert Ligon

Outstanding Member of The Year — An active member who: (1) exemplifies qualities of Christian commitment, (2) supports the Church program, (3) tithes or gives systematically, (4) shows persistence and determination to realize a particular church goal, and (5) renders service that has influenced lives and has brought about effective change in individuals and/or the church.

Sister Daisy Walker

Distinguished Church Member Award — An active member who: (1) exemplifies qualities of Christian commitment, (2) supports the Church program, and (3) shows persistence and determination to help realize specific church goals.

Sister Doretha Leak

Church Family of the Year — An active family who: (1) exemplifies qualities of Christian commitment, (2) supports the Church program, and (3) tithes or gives systematically, (4) shows persistence and determination to realize a particular church goal, and (5) renders service that has brought about effective change in individuals and/or the church.

The Claude Mack Family

"A" Honor Roll Students
First Row: (L-R) Devon Stover, Nadja Frazier, and Ivey Rogers Second Row: (L-R) Matika Chisolm, Trey Clark, A. Nicole Frazier, Kimberly Willis, Alyson Banks, Kimberly Clay, and Natasha Wilkins

"B" Honor Roll Students
(L-R) Kevin Green, Christopher Burnett, Patrice Clark, Andrea McAfee, Heather Caldwell, and Donnell Bowen

"THE CHRISTMAS EVE VISITOR"

In celebration of the **Birth of Christ,** the Sunday School and the Youth Music Department joined together in expressions of music and drama on December 15, 1990 at 5:00 P.M.

The Youth Music Department included participants from the Primary, Youth, and Handbell Choirs.

The Sunday School dramatically presented a play **"The Christmas Eve Visitor,"** with special props, appropriately and artistically drawn background scenery. Actress Nikki Burrell and Actor Kevin Green, along with a superb cast from the entire Sunday School Department retold the significance of the **Birth of the Christ Child.**

"ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SINGING FOR CHRIST"

The Music Department of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church presented **"One Hundred Years of Singing for Christ"** on December 16, 1990. The Early Morning Choir, Women's Choir, Male Chorus, Adult Handbell Choir, Spiritual Choir, and Church Choir were featured in a spirit-filled celebration. The concert was an occasion to behold.

Below is a copy of the printed program:

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT
OF
THE FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrates

"One Hundred Years of Singing For Christ"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1990
5:00 P.M.

Dr. Clifford Anthony Jones, Senior Minister
Mr. Linwood Gerado Stroud, Director of Music Ministries
Mr. Frank Williams, Associate Director of Music Ministries
Ms. Joyce Hurd, Early Morning and Adult Handbell Choirs
Ms. Linda McClain, Women's Choir Director
Mrs. Mary McGill, Spiritual Choir Director

PROGRAM

I

PROCESSIONAL
INVOCATION .....Dr. Clifford A. Jones
GREETINGS.....Mr. Linwood G. Stroud
PURPOSE.....Mr. Frank E. Williams
AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
.....Mrs. Rosena Nicholas
Mr. Frank E. Williams
RECOGNITION OF MUSIC STAFF
.....Mr. Linwood G. Stroud
PAST & PRESENT

II

GO WHERE I SEND THEE
.....Traditional Spiritual
THE GREATEST GIFT .....Toles
EARLY MORNING CHOIR

III

WERE YOU THERE.....Natalie Sleeth
LORD, I'M AVAILABLE TO YOU
WOMEN'S CHOIR

IV

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
.....arr. Stroud
COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING
.....arr. Stroud
SWEET LITTLE JESUS BOY
.....Traditional
MALE CHORUS

V

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
.....arr. Price and Callahan
JOSEPH, DEAR JOSEPH, MINE
.....arr. Callahan
RING MERRILY.....Kinyon
ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR

VI

WHEN WAS JESUS BORN
O LORD, YOU'VE BEEN GOOD TO ME
SPIRITUAL CHOIR

VII

CRADLE HYMN .....Gordon Young
O HOLY NIGHT.....arr. Frank E. Williams
I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE
.....arr. Frank E. Williams
WALK ON BY FAITH ...arr. Rosena Nicholas
CHURCH CHOIR

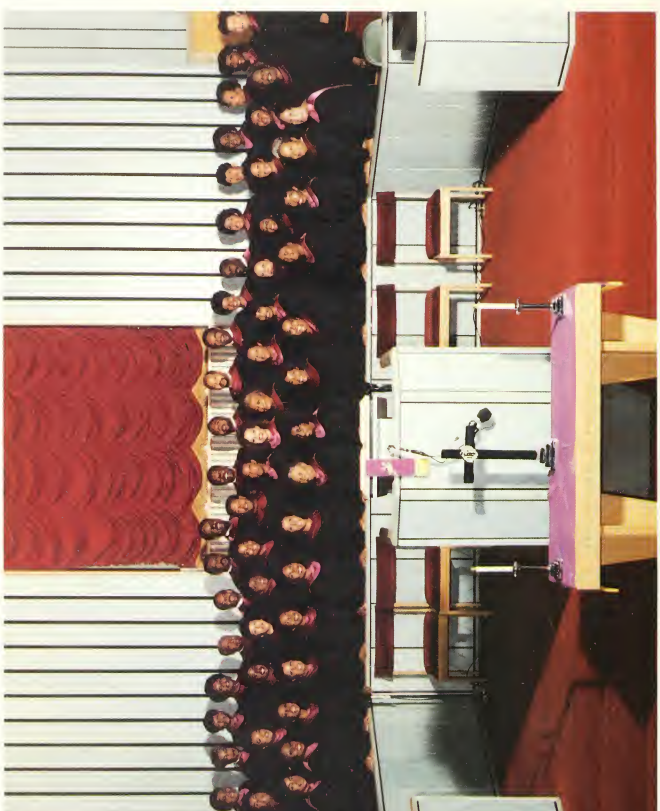
PASTOR'S BRIEF
BENEDICTION

"HALLELUJAH" — from the Messiah
.....Handel

THE MUSIC STAFF
1890 — 1990

Mr. John Perrineau Hunter — Mr. Frank E. Williams
Mr. Eugene Hunter — Mr. David Oliver
Ms. Anita Thornton — Mr. Donald Holland
Rev. Henry Burnette — Mrs. Lorraine Orr
Dr. John Ellis — Ms. Janice Davidson
Mr. Charles McCrae — Mrs. Constance Evans
Mrs. Rosena Nicholas — Mrs. Anita Ingram
Mrs. Stephanie Wells Hopkins — Ms. Joyce Hurd
Mr. Linwood Gerado Stroud — Mrs. Linda McClain
Mrs. Lonnie Miller — Ms. June Smith
Mrs. Mary McGill

Dr. & Mrs. John Ellis
Dr. Ellis — Former Musician of Friendship



Friendship Baptist Church Choir

First Row: (L-R) Mary Gill, Wanda Nelson, Joyce Alexander, Alice Taylor, Ora L. Blakeney, Tammera Nelson, Helen Little, Elizabeth Pruitt, Mary Wilson, Bettye McGowan, Alice Ligon, Eva Hunter, Valecia Williams, Vivian Hairston, and Edna Hinton; Second Row: (L-R) Joyce Gottlieb, Barbara Stephens, Dorothy Robinson, Brenda Porter, Anita Ingram, Harnette Glenn, Lugertha Morris, Lauretta Gordon, George Robinson, Ellen Milton, Pamela Johnson, Irene Lowery, Phadonia Colson, Alvee Hough, Marjorie Morrow, Peggie Gaines, Bernice Smith, Deborah Neal, and Virginia Walker; Third Row: (L-R) Frank Williams, Choir Director, June Smith, Cathy Jones, Gladys Albert, Jacqueline Nicholson, Loretta Stanley, Sandra Williams, A.D. Neal, Ronald Walker, Christopher Nelson, Lewis Dowdy, Mack Canady, Jeffrey Keaton, Donald Turner, Willie Walker, Shirley Borders, Fred Warren, Rosalind Stinson, Loupe McKinley, Carolyn Nelson, Carrie Grier, Vivian Thompson, and Doris White

Early Morning Choir
First Row: (L-R) Joyce Hurd, Director, Bernice Spencer, Dorothy Shipman, Elizabeth Nicholas, Lizzie Wallace, Lottie Fleming, Edna Hinton, Dorothy Brown, Evelyn Barnes, and Katherine Hicklen; Second Row: (L-R) Catherine Anderson, Phadonia Colson, Carnella Parker, Bessie Hall-Ezell, Sylvia Wansley, Wilhelmina Hall, Gladys Walker, Sarah Sloan, Fannie Roberts, and Brooksetta Davidson; Third Row: (L-R) Roderick Walker, Jerome Harley, James Rogers, Cliff Harrington, and Robenia McCullough

Women's Choir
First Row: (L-R) Aurelia Wilson, Senita Tucker, Brenda Green, E. Jane Lightner, Dorothy McCown, Dorothy Fuller, Luverta Gilchrist, Verida Curry, and Mary Wilson; Second Row: (L-R) Sharon Brandon, Lillie Canady, Betty Tucker, Lugertha Morris, Celliar Garris, Carla Reid, Brooksetta Davidson, Cynthia Davidson, Gladys Walker, Brenda Robinson, Delaine Vinson, and Sarah Sloan; Third Row: (L-R) Katherine Hicklen, Linda McClain, Mary Craig, Kathy Worthy, Cynthia Vinson, Gloria Livingston, Mabell Livingston, Daisy Dixon, and Cassandra Bobbitt

Male Chorus
First Row: (L-R) Arthur Wallace, Tom Young, Glendon Hall, James Allen, Cliff Harrington, Anthony Jones, John Scott, Robert Huynh, John Frieson, Rodney Maxwell, and Gerado Stroud, Director; Second Row: (L-R) Ellie Andrews, Berry Redfern, Napoleon Clark, Edmond Ingram, William Pickens, Dana Austin, David Shipman, Bynum Nicholas, Jeffrey Keaton, Cliff Foster, and James Rogers; Third Row: (L-R) William Pickens, Jr., Walter Kennedy, Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Coy Miller, Michael Thornwell, Roy Holman, Don Jordan, Curtis Johnson, and Michael Evans

Adult Handbell Choir
(L-R) Christopher Nelson, Wanda Nelson, Brenda A. Porter, Peggye J. Campbell, Vi Davis, Doretha L. Leak, Joyce Hurd, Director, Vivian Roscoe, Dorothy Robinson, Lugertha Morris, Ramona Callis, and Melvin Caldwell, Jr.

CENTENNIAL AFFIRMATION SERVICE

To culminate our **Centennial Celebration, "100 Years of Working for Christ,"** a Centennial Affirmation Service was held on Sunday, December 30, 1990. The service commenced at six o'clock in the evening with a Candlelight Processional led by the ministers and officers of the church.

A copy of the program is printed below:

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
Dr. Clifford A. Jones,Sr. - Senior Minister

Celebrating 100 Years of Working for Christ

1890

1990

Centennial Affirmation Service

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Sunday, December 30, 1990
6:00 p.m.

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Programme

Candlelight Processional #222 "We've Come This Far By Faith"
Ministers, Deacons, Trustees, Spouses, and Organizational Representatives

Musical Selection — Choir

Responsive Reading—The Reverend Van Jackson

THE CHURCH

Matthew 16:13-19
Acts 2:41-47: Colossians 1:18,24

When Jesus came into the coast of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven:
and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matt. 16:13-19

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 2:41-47

And he is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Who now rejoice in my suffering for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church.

Col. 1:18-24

Prayer — The Reverend William Height

Musical Selection — Choir

Lighting of The Unity Candle — Pastor and Sister Jones

Centennial Reflections and Welcome — Brother William Morrow

Offering — Brother Floyd Young, Centennial Finance Committee

Musical Selection — "Thank You Lord"

Homily — Pastor Clifford A. Jones

Musical Selection — Hymn Choir

Litany of Affirmation — Pastor Clifford A. Jones

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. For the creation of the world and the fullness thereof;

Response: We thank thee, O God, and praise thy holy name.

Leader: For your eternal mercy and grace;

Response: We thank thee, O God, and praise thy holy name.

Leader: For your gift to us in the person of Jesus The Christ, your Son and our Divine Savior and Lord;

Response: We thank thee, O God, and praise thy holy name.

Leader: For the continuous empowerment of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us;

Response: We thank thee, O God, and praise thy holy name.

Leader: For the promise of eternal life in heaven where we can experience perfect presence and rest;

Response: Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom, power and love, may rest upon us, that through prayer, precept and example, others may be led in the way of righteousness, to their own great blessing and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Symbolic Burial of Centennial Capsule — Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Brother William McDonald

Purpose . . . to build a bridge with the next Centennial Committee and preserve the unique pilgrimage, heritage, and history of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 1890-1990.

Contents of the Centennial Capsule — Brother William McDonald

PRAYER

Leader: By faith we will place this Centennial Capsule in the earth from which we all have our beginnings. Preserve these artifacts for the next generation so that they may see and know us as your children.

Congregation: By faith we present this Centennial Capsule to You in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, **Amen.**

Benediction — Pastor Clifford A. Jones

Recessional #222 "We've Come This Far By Faith"

Centennial Program Committee
First Row: (L-R) Shirley Borders, Nettye Calhoun, and Vertis Armstrong; Second Row: (L-R) Clayton Barnes, Marizetta Kerry, Lauretta Chisolm, and William McDonald

Centennial Souvenir Committee
First Row: (L-R) Tawana Berry, Artie Phillips, Virginia Walker, Celia Wilson, and Doretha Leak; Second Row: (L-R) Eunace Blakeney, Forest Eaves, and Hattie Eaves

Centennial History Committee
First Row: (L-R) Ida Richmond, Nettie H. Myrick, and Ethel Person; Second Row: (L-R) Florizel Ervin, E. Jane Lightner, Barbara M. Stephens, and Evelyn Barnes; Third Row: (L-R) Robert Ligon and Lee Morrow

Centennial Souvenir Book Committee
First Row: (L-R) Artie Phillips, Nettie H. Myrick, Doretha Leak, and Carolyn Lloyd; Second Row: (L-R) Barbara M. Stephens, Virginia M. Walker, Juanita White, and Eunice Gist; Third Row: (L-R) Valorie McCullough, Janet Huntley-Hamilton, Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr., and Brenda Porter

Centennial Historical Walk Planning Committee
First Row: (L-R) Robert Ligon, Nettie H. Myrick, Lee Morrow, and Barbara M. Stephens; Second Row: (L-R) Keith Haywood, Melvin D. Caldwell, Jr., and Troy L. Myrick.

Centennial Committees

General Chairperson — Brother William Hall Morrow, Sr.
Clerical Assistant — Sister Lois N. Graham
Church Liaison — Sister Brenda F. Stewart

Program
Chairperson — Sister Vertis Armstrong
Co-Chairpersons — Brother Donald White
Sister Shirley Borders

Members — Brother Clayton Barnes
Sister Nettye E. Calhoun
Sister Lauretta Chisolm
Sister Marizetta H. Kerry
Brother William McDonald

Social
Chairperson — Sister Phyllis D. Chapman
Co-Chairperson — Brother Willie Walker

Members — Sister Jean Grier
Sister Cathy W. Jones
Sister Clara Stitt
Sister Cynthia P. Vinson
Brother Fred Warren

History
Chairperson — Sister Nettie H. Myrick
Co-Chairperson — Sister Ida M. Richmond

Members — Sister Florizel Ervin
Brother Melvin Caldwell, Sr.
Sister Evelyn Barnes
Sister E. Jane Lightner
Brother Robert Ligon
Brother Lee E. Morrow, Jr.
Sister Ethel Person
Brother Robert Person, Jr.
Sister Barbara M. Stephens

Souvenir Committee
Chairperson — Sister Virginia M. Walker
Co-Chairperson — Sister Doretha Leak

Members — Sister Tawana Berry
Brother Forest Eaves
Sister Celia Wilson

Correspondence
Chairperson — Sister Janet Huntley-Hamilton
Co-Chairperson — Sister Loretta C. Stanley

Members — Sister Karen Owens
Sister Linda Stallworth

Finance and Budget
Chairperson — Brother Floyd D. Young
Co-Chairperson — Brother William A. Ervin, Sr.

Members — Sister Norma H. Young
Brother James Lawrence

Souvenir Book Committee
Chairperson — Sister Doretha L. Leak
Co-Chairperson — Brother James McCullough

Members — Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
Brother Eunace Blakeney
Sister Eunice B. Gist
Sister Carolyn Lloyd
Sister Valorie R. McCullough
Brother Lee E. Morrow, Jr.
Sister Nettie H. Myrick
Sister Artie C. Phillips
Sister Brenda A. Porter
Sister Barbara M. Stephens
Sister Virginia M. Walker
Sister Juanita P. White

Photography
Chairperson — Brother James R. McCullough

Members — Sister Peggye J. Campbell
Brother Calvin Johnson
Brother William P. Jones
Sister Valorie R. McCullough
Sister Beverly Hightower Morrow
Brother Jerome Morrow
Brother Robert Person III
Sister Vivian Roscoe
Sister Valerie D. Singleton

Public Relations
Chairperson — Brother Melvin Caldwell, Jr.
Co-Chairperson — Brother Keith Haywood

Members — Sister Betty Cooper
Sister Brenda Green
Sister Rubie B. Height
Brother Wilfred Neal

Church Awards Committee
Chairperson — Sister Mary R. Gill
Co-Chairperson — Sister Bertha Pettiford

Members — Sister Charlese M. Chapman
Sister Florizel Ervin
Sister Clara Mitchell
Brother Gregory Morris
Sister Nettie H. Myrick
Sister Lizzie Williams

The Centennial Quilt

The idea to create a centennial quilt was conceived by Sister Minnie L. Williams at a meeting of the Women's Missionary Union in 1990. It was felt that this would be a fitting tribute to the pastors of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and it could be permanently displayed for all to see.

Co-ordinating the effort were Sisters Carolyn L. Nelson and Daisy M. Dixon.

The quilting was done by Sisters Kay Adderley, Bessie Cowan, Daisy M. Dixon, and Leanna Rogers.

The cross stitch squares were done by Sisters:

Kaye Adderley
Drucilla Anderson
Mary Ann Craig
Brooksetta Davidson
Jerrylyn Davis
Patricia Davis
Bessie Ezell
Ellen Flamer
Jackie Gibson
Deborah Holland
Jeannette Johnson-McNeal
Doretha L. Leak
Karen Neal
Marie Rodgers
Leanna Rogers
Cubia Spaulding
Danita Terrell
Betty Wilkins
Minnie L. Williams
Sandra C. Williams

1890

1990

SUMMARY

Reverends:

ALLEN L. LEWIS.....1890-1892
C. H. WILLIAMSON 1892-1896
J. O. CROSBY.....1896-1898
J. H. CAREY.....1898-1899
J. D. HOOD.....1899-1901
P. F. MALOY.....1901-1905
G. O. BULLOCK 1905-1912
G. W. WATKINS 1912-1918
C. C. ADAMS 1919-1919
B. K. MASON.....1920-1932
JOHN L. POWELL.....1933-1947
COLEMON W. KERRY, JR.....1948-1981
CLIFFORD A. JONES, SR.....1983-

All of the Ministers whose names are listed above were tapped by **God** to lead these thirsty, starving congregations to the blood-filled fountains and to the flourishing, fruitful vineyards. What a calling for those **"Founding Fathers,"** for those **"Pious Pioneers!"** The tasks were clearly recognized, but those Preachers of the Gospel knew very well that the "harvests were plentiful, but the laborers were few." Accolades are in order for the bearers of the **Holy Word.**

Growing out of a need for a church home, several members, who had left their First Baptist Church home, found a spiritual haven at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, located first on South Caldwell Street and later, on the corner of South Brevard and East First Streets. The records of this Church's humble beginnings are enclosed in the pages of this **Centennial Book.** Travel with us from the South Brevard and East First Streets edifice — a structure tediously and painstakingly constructed by brick masons, carpenters, and designers from the Friendship Family. Those craftsmen erected an architectural design that will long be remembered. People of all classes marvelled at the church's beauty. The next move was to the Northwest Junior High School Auditorium site, and finally, we were on the way to our present location — 3301 Beatties Ford Road. This modern structure, designed by our own Brother Harvey B. Gantt and his Associates, epitomizes comfort, architectural design, and other special accommodations.

These buildings, as recorded, became **Holy Temples — Houses of Worship** — for all of the members of the various congregations. We can really reflect on the growth and achievements realized throughout the existence of all of these sanctuaries. We, too, can conclude that **We've come a long way, Church."**

We remember the era from 1892 to 1905 when the leaders and members alike weathered the storms of life — the struggles for survival, mere existence. There were happy times and sorrowful times, plenteous times, and destitute times. The Ministers had to deal with wars and rumors of wars, economic upheavals of the periods, and personal family problems. The weddings and the funerals, the romances and broken relationships, the successes and failures, and the preaching of the **Gospel** were assignments that belonged to the **"Shepherds of the Flock."** In your memory banks, there should be a recollection of the support and counsel that the clergymen provided.

This period of resurgence (1905-1932) brought with it ministers who were prepared to meet the challenges of their congregations. Documents indicate that there were four clergymen who addressed the needs of the members, as they understood them to be. Achievements were made collectively in the areas of spiritual witness and awareness, stewardship, financial gains, church enlistment, and increased membership.

Then, from 1932 to 1948, came the era of the renewed spirits. Pastor John L. Powell expressed the significance of displaying renewed spirits and led the congregation in every effort to attain that high-level of spirituality. Goals were set and reached, and aspirations were high. We knew where we had been. Now, we needed to focus on where we were headed and how we were going to get there. In other words, we needed a sense of direction which our Pastor was able to offer. The people needed to unite and fill their hearts, souls, and minds with love, joy, peace, happiness, and understanding. The opportunities for growth and development were numerous while the spirits of the people continued to rise.

The Expansion Years (1948-1981) meant much to the leadership and the membership, as well. It was during these years that properties were purchased; new programs were instituted; revivals were conducted by visiting Evangelists. State and National Conventions convened several times during the year and Annual Family Reunions and Homecoming Events were held. This extensive period allowed for an escalation in properties, finances, programming, discipleship, and membership.

The "Faith of our Past Ministers" was still visible in the years (1981-1983). Here we were without an assigned leader. There were those visiting ministers, those Associate Ministers who supplied the church so that the pulpit would be filled Sunday after Sunday. All of the auxiliaries worked cooperatively to make it work. So, through faith and hard work, we grew more independently and more religiously. Finally, the search for a Minister began. Invested faith guided the congregation to elect Pastor Clifford Anthony Jones, Sr., who graciously responded to the call. Since his appointment in 1983, Pastor Jones has been visible in the community and profoundly dynamic in the pulpit. His honesty and sincerity of purpose have a great deal to do with the success he has experienced since becoming the Pastor of Friendship; his strong sense of commitment to the **Word - the Scriptures** — and to all of **God's Children** is evident in the Pastor's daily practices.

A continued expansion, a renewed spirit, an increased faith, a cleared vision, a decided rebirth, and the extended struggles have all played important roles in the advancement of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

We reminisce about the past — the days of yesteryear and the good old days; the present — the here and now, the current, and contemporary; and the future — the by-and-by and the hereafter.

It has been said, that what took place in the past will, to a degree, affect what we are today and what we will become in the future. This chapter allows us to reflect, to re-examine ourselves and our values, to look introspectively at who we are today.

Come join the 100th Anniversary — a time for celebrating, a time of working for **Christ,** a time for learning about **God,** hearing the **Gospel** proclaimed, keeping the dream alive, looking back at our roots, and looking ahead to the future — the actualization of a dream. We call on the present and future Friendship members to commit your dedicated lives to the glory of **God** and the Friendship Church of tomorrow.

LEST WE FORGET! LEST WE FORGET!

Sister Juanita P. White

"I REMEMBER"

Thoughts From the Past

The Souvenir Book committee solicited from the Friendship members, written accounts of past remembrances since they became affiliated with the church. Following are those accounts, arranged alphabetically.

Gladys Albert

I remember when Urban Redevelopment came to Charlotte. The Brooklyn Community had to go. That included our church at 429 South Brevard Street. I remember our last month in that building. We had service every night from September 1, 1963 until September 30, 1963. The last night's service was over at 12:05 a.m. During that month, we sang music, ranging from Negro Spirituals to Sacred Music. We also sang for revival services and for special functions. There were many happy memories at First and Brevard Streets.

Margaret G.A. Alexander

Reflecting back to 1952, I see an energetic young married lady joining Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and deriving much satisfaction in being an advisor to the Friendship Junior Youth Council of the NAACP, working in the Missionary Circle, writing and directing plays for Woman's Day, attending workshops and committee meetings, and sometimes cutting stencils for revival. It was a most rewarding experience to narrate a play entitled, "The Feast of Belshazzah," directed by Sister Beulah John Perrin.

Lola Blackmon

I remember joining Friendship in the 60's when the service was held in the Northwest Auditorium.

My first involvement with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church was singing in the Church Choir. I will forever be grateful to Rosena Nicholas, who asked me to join the choir. I told her that I could not sing, but she gave me an audition, took me in and gave me a solo. I will never forget the song, **"He's Sweet I Know."** We met weekly in Mrs. Anita Stroud's trailer for rehearsals. As the choir grew larger in numbers, the trailer became too small. We then met in the school's music room. I was later elected the president of the choir and served for seven years. I really, enjoyed the Church Choir and remained there until I became ill.

I still have fond memories of those days and

great respect for the members of the choir and the musicians.

Eunice B. Gist

I remember traveling to Charlotte for my first job of employment in 1961. Being a newcomer, I inquired about some of the area churches. I was carried to Friendship Baptist Church by a co-worker. I visited other churches; however, I found myself attending Friendship at least twice per month. I was fascinated with the order of the worship service and especially the church choir. After ten years of residing in the Queen City, I made that choice decision of committing myself to work humbly for Christ and become a part of the Friendship Family, in 1971. I am very active now and enjoy every moment of my commitment.

Roberta Hannibal
Oldest Female Member

I joined Friendship Baptist Church in 1915 when I was eleven years old. That was seventy-six years ago.

I remember well the Sunday School Department. We had excellent teachers and very good students. The Sunday School was held after the morning service. The lesson was written on small cards.

Since we could not read them, we took them home for our parents to read to us.

The largest event that the Sunday School had was the Fourth of July picnic. We would meet at the church with a caravan of wagons. We all wore straw hats and the wagons were filled with baskets of food, ice cream freezers, ice, and watermelons for everybody to enjoy.

I also remember the worship service. All of the ladies wore hats to church. The service was very simple, with music, a scripture, and a prayer, which the pastor would do himself. The communion, for members only, was handled primarily by the women. Everyone drank from the same cup. The visitors were not allowed to take part in the communion service. The children sat with their parents and were well trained.

The offering in those days was very different from that of today. The members paid from 5¢ to 25¢. If you paid 25¢, that was considered a large donation.

The church was in need of financial assistance; therefore, the Young Women's Improvement Club was organized with twelve or fifteen members. They held benefits to raise money to help pay the debts of the church. My fondest memories are of working in this club for Friendship Baptist Church.

Imogene F. Kendrick

In 1969, my family and I were making an adjustment from military to civilian life. We had travelled extensively and had attended churches of various denominations.

Upon our return to Charlotte, we wanted to find a common church home. We found this in Friendship. The order of service, the youth program, the untiring ministry of the pastor, and the love and warmth of Friendship members ended our search.

Marizetta Hardy Kerry

I will always remember my first visit to Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, because that is where I met my husband, Rev. Colemon W. Kerry, Jr.

I appeared on a program sponsored by my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. I was a drama student and I spoke in dialect; my most memorable recitation was by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, entitled, **"In the Morning."** It was as a result of that program that I became acquainted with Colemon.

As a member of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, I therefore, had reservations about associating with this man, as I knew nothing about the Baptist Church nor about the life of a Baptist preacher. However, by the grace of **God,** all doubts were removed and we were married, changing my life dramatically. Colemon William Kerry, Jr. was a wonderful husband, father, and man of **God;** he will always be in my heart.

Ina W. Ligon

I joined Friendship in 1957 under the leadership of Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. The friendliness, the first to smile, first to speak, and if such a thing was necessary — the first to forgive, are some of the things I remember. The membership gave you that inexpressible comfort of feeling safe, and was willing to share both joys and sorrows. I will never forget the joy I felt when so many came to welcome me into the church.

Shirley G. Manigo

I have many good memories from the old church on the corner of Brevard and First Streets.

I shall always remember how warmly we were received into the Friendship Church Family.

I think about Sunday morning worship and where my family chose to sit.

My husband, Adam, usually sat in the main sanctuary near the front. Sometimes he read the announcements.

It appeared to me that some of the church members who had young children sat in the Sunday School Annex which was to the right of the rostrum. My six year old son and I always sat in the annex. Even though we always had a side view of Pastor Kerry and the choir, the **Spirit** was there. We participated fully in the worship services, and when they were over we **knew** we had been to church.

Juanita G. McClettie

In celebration of the Centennial year, it is indeed an honor and pleasure for me to reflect and be a part of this elated experience.

Abiding by the Baptist Church's Covenant, as soon as my family and I relocated to Charlotte, N.C. from Augusta, Georgia, I began looking for a church. I visited several churches in the area. When I visited Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, I knew, without a doubt, that this church met the needs of my family and me.

There are many things about Friendship that I remember as I reflect. But; her mission, ministry, the warmth, friendliness, and family atmosphere that I found in 1955 under the leadership of the late Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr., are what I remember most. This spirit continues even today under the leadership of Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

Friendship has experienced many blessings with its progress and achievements over the years. It is my continued hope and fervent prayer that it will continue to move to even greater heights.

Brenda A. Porter

Prior to joining Friendship in 1974, I remember being invited to the Sunday services on many occasions by Sisters Mary Gill and Wanda Nelson. Sitting in the congregation, I enjoyed singing **The Hallelujah Chorus** with the choir during the Christmas Season.

I also, remember the weekly Moments of Meditation presented by Deacon Grover Anthony; they were so inspiring and uplifting.

Most noteworthy, however, were the soul-stirring sermons by Pastor Kerry; consequently, I was moved to become a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and the Church Choir.

Richard & Theresa Stewart

We will never forget joining Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. My husband and I were brought up in Methodist Churches. We began listening to the Radio Ministry on Sunday mornings; those services led to many visits to the church. The great preaching, the beautiful music and the warm fellowship won us over. In 1951, we joined the church and have never regretted making the move.

Virginia Morrow Walker

For most of my life, I have been a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. There was a time when you joined Friendship, you had to leave the service and go into the Pastor's Office (no where else to go) and be tested. You were asked questions such as: "Are you going to be a good little girl and stop telling stories?" Well, I knew if I had answered "Yes" I would honestly be telling a "story," then. So, I said, "No." There were other questions to which I answered "No," too. I suppose I flunked the test although I told the truth. I was really disappointed since I was born and reared in this church. The Morrow children were at church more than the pastor and deacons.

I was going to leave and join the Catholic Church, but my Uncle Gibson Richmond, Mr. Zack Alexander, and Mrs. Beulah J. Perrin told me that they would never speak to me again if I did. Having the highest respect for each of them, I didn't go. Reverend Powell, however, counseled me and I rejoined and was accepted. I was baptized and have been working in Friendship ever since.

We stayed in church all day on Sunday and never got tired.

I remember the "Tom Thumb Wedding" in which I was the bride; The King and Queen

Contest in which I was the Queen: Mrs. Perrin knew she could depend upon my mother's letting me participate in the programs. Therefore, I was always a contestant.

I remember Rosena Hunter Nicholas having to stand up and play the piano because she was too little to sit down and play.

I remember my first solo. I was really quite nervous, but I made it.

I remember our church picnics. We rode on trucks with hay on them. We had fried fish, watermelon, lemonade, and potato salad. Mrs. Annie Hemphill could "mess" up some food. She was the head-cook.

The members of the old church were one big happy family and we didn't mind working for the **Lord.**

Minnie L. Williams

I will long remember the beginning of the Bible class at Friendship on Thursday nights. We would meet, have dinner, and then discuss our lesson which was found in **Romans.** Pastor Jones was our teacher. Oh, what a blessing! Reading the Bible is one thing, but understanding **The Word** is truly the essence of **God's** message to **His** children. **Paul's Letters** to the **Romans** were so convincing to me that my thirst for knowledge through the scriptures became my testimony. I never will forget the night we discussed **Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."** It took me a whole week to let go and let **God's** revelation free me from the burdens I was carrying. Now, for me, in everything that happens, I remember these words of wisdom: **. . . "all things work together for good."** I really do love the **Lord.** I hope you will find peace with this scripture.

Ozener S. Yancey

My past experiences at Friendship are well remembered. The event that stands out the most is the long walk from Cherry Street to Brevard Street, regardless of what the weather permitted. Most Sundays, church was an all-day affair, starting with Sunday school, the 11:00 service, sometimes a 3:00 service, BTU, and an evening service which ended the day.

Friendship was composed of various clubs. The young adults were part of the Young People's Progressive Club which met once a month. This club was responsible for many things, for example, the purchasing of the sign bearing the name of the church to inform those passing by.

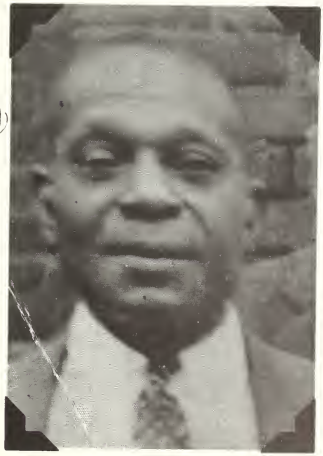
This era was during World War II and the church would invite soldiers to come for family dinner after church service. There were also church picnics and chitterling struts in an effort to raise funds.

As the years progressed, the location was moved to Northwest Junior High School where service was held in the auditorium. After a few years of meeting there, the church members were able to raise the appropriate funds to move to the present site. This move was made possible with many prayers and a lot of dedication. Since this time, the church has grown in numbers too large to mention and the growth continues.

Scrapbook

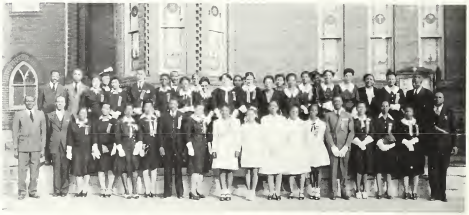
Brother John L. Walker
Founder

Brother Zechariah Alexander, Sr.
3rd Sunday School Superintendent



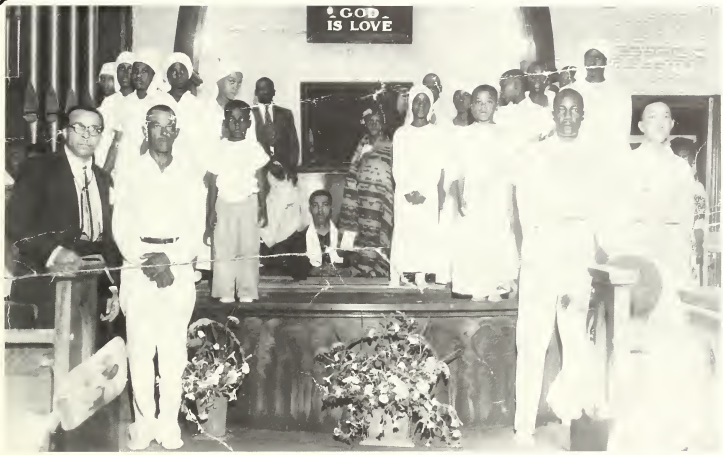
Brother Gibson Richmond
Former Church Clerk

A Baptist gathering on the steps of the Brevard Street Church



An Usher's Convention during the tenure of Rev. John L. Powell

Friendship Ushers during the administration of Pastor Kerry



Pastor Kerry performs baptismal services in the Brevard Street Church.

(L-R) Pastors Calhoun, Wertz, Hawkins, Givens, Martin L. King, Jr.; Kelly Alexander, Sr., Pastors Kerry, Humphrey, Shipman, and an unknown person departing for the National Baptist Convention.

Board of Deacons
Standing: (L-R) William Ervin, Richard A. Stewart, James G. Ford, Ernest McCree, Pastor Kerry, Kim Mickens, Robert Ligon, Walter Weddington, John Harris; Seated: (L-R) Grover Anthony, Oliver Martin, Chairman, Adam Manigo Sponsors of "A Church Is Born," Monday, September 2, 1963

Deaconesses
Standing: (L-R) Mrs. Ellen Ford, Mrs. Cecelia Weddington, Mrs. Laura Ervin, Mrs. Shirley Manigo, Mrs. Hattie McCree, Mrs. Ina Ligon, Mrs. Daisy Mickens, Mrs. Duley Weddington, Mrs. Mamie Hare, Mrs. Sallie Hudson, Mrs. Carrie Tatum; Seated: (L-R) Mrs. B.J. Perrin, Mrs. Lula Hemphill, Mrs. Theresa Stewart, Chairman. Sponsors of "A Church Grows and Builds," Tuesday, September 3, 1963

Board of Trustees
Standing: (L-R) Robert Person, Oliver Martin, James Singleton, Ernest McCree, Rufus McCullough, Howard Pettice; Seated: (L-R) William Ervin, Mrs. Clara Stitt, James G. Ford, Chairman, Miss Theola Brown, Richard A. Stewart. Sponsors of "Lest We Forget Those Who Remembered Us," Wednesday, September 4, 1963

Church Brotherhood
Mr. Matthew Evans, President — Sponsoring, Institute Program Friday, September 13, 1963

Pastor's Aid
Mrs. Ella Sloan, seated, second from left, President Sponsoring, Institute Program Thursday, September 12, 1963

Senior Usher Board
James G. Ford, Center seated, President Sponsoring, Institute Program Wednesday, September 11, 1963

Music Staff
Seated: (L-R) Miss Annie M. Cloud, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, Directress "Songs Children Sing"; Mrs. Rosena Nicholas, Minister of Music, Mrs. Lonnie M. Brown, Gospel Music Directress, Mrs. Wilma Rushing, Sponsoring, Institute Program Monday, September 9, 1963

Summer Chancel Choir
Sponsoring "The Birth of the Negro Spiritual" — "Great Hymns of the Church and Gospel Music" along with the Trustee Wives, Thursday and Friday, September 5-6, 1963

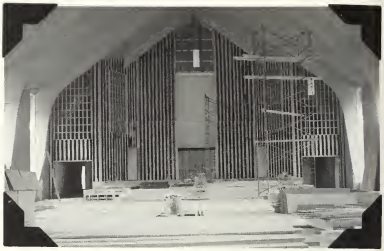
Hymn Choir
Standing: (L-R) Mrs. Nannie Cloud, Mrs. Essie Houston, Mrs. Beulah Adams, Mrs. Bell Rutledge, Mrs. Ola Mills, Mrs. C. Quinn, Mrs. Daisy Ligon; Seated: (L-R) Mrs. Ada Evans, Mrs. Arvie Gordon, Miller Cloud, Mrs. Sallie Hudson, Neely Hudson, Leader
Sponsoring, Institute Program Tuesday, September 10, 1963

Tots Choir
Miss Anita Stroud, Directress
Sponsors of "Songs Children Sing" Saturday, September 7, 1963

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop No. 63
Back Row: (L-R) Lenwood Patterson, Theophilus Washington, Coker Hare, Scout Master; Middle Row: (L-R) Lamont Patterson, Sammie K. Morrow, Dwight Gunter; Front Row: (L-R) Roderick Blake, Fredrick Wardlow, Eddie Wardlow, Fred Davis, Jr. Sponsoring, Institute Program September 4, 1963

Groundbreaking for the new church with Deacons Ervin and Morrow, Pastor Kerry and other ministers and well-wishers



The construction of the present edifice at 3301 Beatties Ford Road

Graduate Sunday in the early 70's

Friendship's congregation and friends

Ordination services for Rev. Van Jackson

Pastor Kerry receives a degree from the Shaw University School of Divinity.

A celebration of Scouting with Pastor Kerry, Sister Katie Ham and other Scout leaders

Girl Scouts at Friendship

Friendship's Church Choir after a concert at the Park Center

The Hymn Choir

Nursery workers care for the children during Sunday worship service.

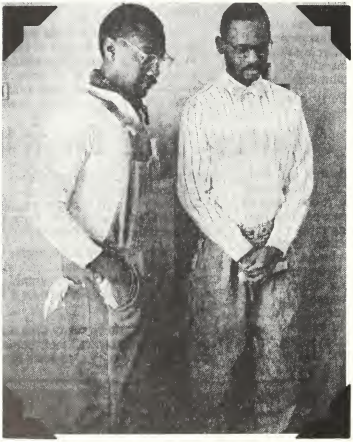
Debutantes for Christ and their escorts

Friendship in the snow — a picture postcard scene

The Rev. Clifford Jones thinks back over his decade-spanning ministry in Clinton on the eve of his departure for a new pastorate in Charlotte.

Pastor Jones in 1984

A Black History observance with (L-R) Sisters Shirley Borders, Alicia McCullough, and Brother Troy Scarborough in the back



Edmond Ingram (left) and Maurice McClettie, ushers at the Friendship Baptist Church, bow their heads during the service, dressed for Slave Sunday.

Elouise Carter, dressed in slavery-era clothes to celebrate Black History Month, joins the Baptist congregation in singing Sunday.

The Friendship Awards Banquet honoring Sister Roberta W. Hannibal as the oldest female member of the church

Zechariah Alexander, Jr. and Sister Margaret Alexander accept the Gallery of Freedom Award in memory of the late Zechariah Alexander, Sr.

You will love our Senior Adult Department!

Senior Citizens are recognized at the church's award's banquet.

Sister E. Jane Lightner, first church hostess

Sister Lizzie Wallace, Past President of the Women's Missionary Union

Sister Mattie Thomas, Sheepfold of Thomas and the Nurses Guild

Sister Rubie Height, Rev. William Height and their daughter Brittany

Pastor Jones and the Friendship Brotherhood "Deep-Sea" fishing in the Atlantic Ocean

Deacon Robert Person III works in the Crestdale community.

Friendship's Finance Committee
(L-R) Floyd Young, William Pickens, Dorothy McCown, William Morrow, Tennyson Johnson, Norma Young, and William Ervin

Church Program Committee
(L-R) Minnie L. Williams, Bonnie Marsh, Clayton Barnes, Nettye Calhoun, and Cora Massey, standing

Vacation Bible School 1990 — students at work

Vacation Bible School Staff, 1990
Seated: Jean Grier and Doretha L. Leak; First Row: (L-R) Juanita P. White, Eunice Gist, and Artie Phillips; Second Row: (L-R) Danita W. Terrell, Emma Tuck, Daisy Walker, Carolyn Lloyd, and Barbara Stephens; Third Row: (L-R) Kenneth Chambers, Carl Terrell, Kathy Worthy, and Brenda Jones

Past Women's Day Chair/Co-Chairpersons
First Row: (L-R) Doretha L. Leak, Dorothy Robinson, Laura Ervin, Rose Clay, and Artie Phillips; Second Row: (L-R) Daisy Walker, Ethel Person, Valerie Singleton, and Wendy Ladd; Third Row: (L-R) Carolyn Gary, Carolyn Nelson, Minnie Williams, Loretta Stanley, Ella Scarborough, and Eunice Gist

GOD'S Family PLACE

Sister Beatrice and Brother John Thompson, their children and grandchildren

Friendship's Radio Choir during the broadcast years

Friendship members and friends worship together.

A Black History Celebration

Sister Janie Lawhorne and her Sunday School students

Women's Day participants, 1990
Seated: (L-R) Gwendolyn Griffin, Carolyn Gary, and Carolyn Lloyd; Standing: (L-R) Carolyn Smith, Maxine McGill, and Jackie Duke

Sister Tonya Barnes, 1991
Morehead Scholarship Recipient

APPENDIX

A. MINISTERIAL STAFF
- Senior Minister
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- Treasurer
- Office Staff
- Maintenance Staff
- Music Staff

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- Trustees' Council
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  - Ex-Officio Members
- Deaconesses

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- Youth Department

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H. CHOIRS

I. USHER BOARD

J. SCOUT ORGANIZATIONS

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- Security Committee
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- Friendship Singles Group

L. CHURCH HOSTESSES

M. FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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P. COLEMON W. KERRY, JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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U. "HOW I FEEL ABOUT MY CHURCH:" REFLECTIONS FROM THE YOUTH

V. FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

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A. MINISTERIAL STAFF

Ministerial Staff
Seated: (L-R) Rev. Van Jackson, Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr., and Rev. William H. Height

REVEREND DOCTOR CLIFFORD ANTHONY JONES, SR. serves as the thirteenth pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Following the homegoing of Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr., a search committee made and received inquiries from across the nation and visits were made to several churches. As the scripture teaches, " . . . that which you seek is often nearer at hand than you realize." The committee was led by the **Spirit** to a small eastern North Carolina town, where Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. was pastoring. In a sermon that captivated the congregation, reaching low and ascending high, touching the concrete, but also the abstract, souls were fed and hearts were swayed to embrace this servant of **God.** (Read Chapter VII for a biographical sketch.)

Reverend William H. Height served as Minister of Couples and Recreation from 1988 to January of 1991. He was the first minister to serve in this capacity. Upon his appointment by Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr., he taught the New Members Classes, visited the sick and shut-in, assisted with funerals, preached periodically during Pastor Jones' absence, counseled married couples and young adults, and spoke regularly to prison groups.

Rev. Height played a major role in implementing the Marriage Enrichment Group's Afro-American Art Expo, the Christmas family adoption, retreats, and workshops. He also planned, developed, and implemented the community's alternative Friday Nite Out Program. That program offered young adults an alternative in social settings on Friday evenings during the summer months.

As Minister of Recreation, Rev. Height established the church's first aerobics program in 1988. Classes are held each Monday and Wednesday from 6:00-6:45 P.M., with an average enrollment of fifty participants each year.

Rev. Height attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received the Master of Divinity Degree. He was called to pastor the First Missionary Baptist Church of Smithfield, North Carolina in December, 1990.

Ministerial Staff and Ordained Ministers
Seated: (L-R) Rev. Van Jackson, Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Pastor, Rev. Herbert Rhedrick; Standing: (L-R) Rev. William H. Height, and Rev. Mack McRae

Reverend Van W. Jackson, Sr. joined Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in 1948 under the leadership of Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. He faithfully served on the Usher Board for several years. From 1953 to 1955, he was a Scoutmaster and from 1958 to 1960, he served as a member of the Deacon Board. During this time, he became very involved in the Billingsville P.T.A. as the President from 1955 to 1957. Newsworthy is his election as the first black treasurer of the Seversville Elementary School P.T.A.

For twenty-five years, Rev. Jackson pastored local churches. He is remembered for initiating religious programs on WGIV and WAME Radio Stations.

After having retired from the ministry, Rev. Jackson returned to Friendship in 1988.

Shortly after coming to Friendship, Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr. called upon Rev. Jackson to assist in the ministerial duties of the church. He was appointed as the Minister of Senior Citizens and Pastoral Care, consequently ending his retirement. Presently, Rev. Jackson visits the sick and infirmed in the hospitals, nursing homes, as well as residential homes. While there, he conducts Bible readings, offers prayer, and councils with those individuals who have problems or concerns.

On January 7, 1990, the first Sunday, Rev. Van Jackson was called once more to pastor a church, the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Carthage, North Carolina. However, he continues to faithfully serve Friendship in his capacity as an Associate Minister.

B. ORDAINED MINISTERS

Reverend James Foxx (1979-)
Reverend Fred Gibson (1977-1981)
Reverend William H. Height (1988-1991)
Reverend Mildred B. Hines (1988-1990)
Reverend Mack L. McRae (1983-1985)
Reverend Herbert Rhedrick (1974-1977)

C. CHURCH STAFF

Church Clerks

Sister Barbara M. Stephens
Sister Daisy R. Walker
(Assistant)
Brother Ernest A. McCree
(Emeritus)

Church Clerks
(L-R) Barbara M. Stephens, Church Clerk and Daisy R. Walker, Assistant Church Clerk

Past Church Clerks

Sister Vonetta Grier Hart
Sister Elizabeth V. Hutchison

Brother Gibson Richmond
Sister Mary Morrow Walker

Church Treasurers

Brother William M. Pickens, Sr.
Brother Tennyson L. Johnson, Jr.
(Assistant)

Church Office Staff

Sister Phyliss S. Caldwell
Secretary to the Senior Minister

Sister Fannie French
Secretary/Receptionist

Sister Sarah M. Edwards
Executive Director, Child Development Center

Brother James Lawrence
Minister of Administration (Enrichment Center)

Sister Brenda Stewart, Program Coordinator, Friendship Enrichment Center and Seniors Program

Maintenance Staff

Brother Charles Chapman, Maintenance Manager
Brother Michael Anthony
Sister Eva Ruth Chapman
Brother John Mason
Brother Garwin Harris

Sister Phyliss S. Caldwell
Secretary to the Senior Minister

Sister Fannie French
Secretary/Receptionist

Sister Sarah M. Edwards
Executive Director
Child Development Center

Lillie Davis
Teacher—Infant Class

Brenda Morrison
Assistant Teacher—Infant Class

Janet Lucas
Teacher—Toddler Class

Sabrina Cunningham
Assistant Teacher—Toddler Class

Susan Foster
Teacher—Two Year Old Class

Beverly Murphy
Teacher—Three Year Old Class

Tiffany Davidson
Assistant Teacher—Three Year Old Class

Carrie B. Hemphill
Teacher—Four Year Old Class

Daisy S. Walker
Dietician

Brother James Lawrence
Minister of Administration
(Enrichment Center)

Sister Brenda Stewart
Program Coordinator
Friendship Enrichment Center
and Seniors Program

Brother Charles Chapman
Maintenance Manager

Sister Eva Ruth Chapman
Maintenance Staff

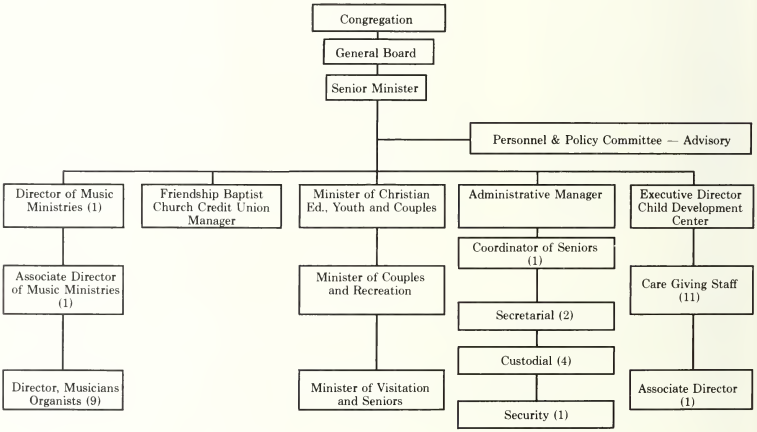
Brother John Mason
Maintenance Staff

Brother Garwin Harris
Maintenance Staff

Music Staff

Sister Janice Davidson, Youth Choir
Sister Joyce Hurd, Early Morning Choir, Adult Handbell Choir
Sister Anita B. Ingram, Adult Sunday School Musician
Sister Linda McClain, Ladies Choir
Sister Mary McGill, Hymn Choir
Sister Lorraine Orr, Primary Choir
Sister June Smith, Youth Handbell Choir
Brother L. Gerado Stroud, Director, Music Ministries, Male Chorus
Brother Frank E. Williams, Associate Director, Music Ministries, Church Choir

ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART (STAFF FULL & PART-TIME) FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



D. CHURCH OFFICERS

Deacons

The first deacons at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church were elected and ordained in the 1890's. Although the exact dates of the deacons' ordinations are not recorded, these seven deacons comprised the first board:

Andrew Sheperd, Chairman

John Walker, Treasurer

James Lewis, Church Clerk

Lewis Caldwell

Sam Johnson

Charlie Jones

Hiliard Petty

Deacons, along with the pastor, have enjoyed the distinction of occupying the only two scriptural positions in the church. Some deacons consider themselves the church's spiritual fathers, ruling elders who serve and assist the pastor in the shepherding of the flock and, as a rule, have been basically loyal to the pastor and the church.

Most deacons have recognized the importance of maintaining the integrity of the institution. Maintaining the integrity of the institution was interpreted as the support or trust given to a position or recommendation presented by other members who had done "their homework," even if one had not heard the proposition previously. In the average Black Baptist Church, the Deacon Board is the power board.[1]

The present officers of Friendship's Deacon Board are:

Brother Robert Ligon, Chairperson Emeritus
Brother Thomas Wilkins, Chairperson
Brother Adam Manigo, Vice-Chairperson
Brother William Blue, Secretary
Brother Claude Mack, Assistant Secretary

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Deacon Board
1990

First Row: Seated (L-R) Robert Ligon, Thomas Wilkins, Adam Manigo, Ernest McCree, William F. Blue; Second Row: (L-R) William Morrow, Claude Mack, Odell Robinson, Mack Canady, Ronald Hare, Mark Belton, James McGill, Robert Person III, Raleigh Bynum, Kenneth Chambers; Third Row: (L-R) Samuel Massey, L. Pete Scarborough, Charles Chapman, Rufus Watts, Early Vaughters, Sr., Melvin D. Caldwell, Sr., Richard Stewart; Fourth Row: (L-R) Roosevelt Maske, Walter Kennedy, Frank Gadsden, David Scott, Eric Nelson, William Ervin, James Lowery

[1] Floyd Massey, Jr. and Samuel Berry McKinney, **Church Administration in the Black Perspective** (Valley Forge: Judson Press, 1989), p. 40.

Deacons' Council

Grover C. Anthony
Clayton Barnes
Mark Belton
William F. Blue
Otis Burnett III
Raleigh Bynum
Melvin Caldwell, Sr.
Kenneth H. Chambers
Charles Chapman
William A. Ervin, Sr.
Matthew Evans
Frank Gadsden
Ronald Hare
Joseph Hilliard
Edwin Holland
Walter Kennedy
Tolly Kennon
Robert Ligon
James Lowery
Claude Mack
Adam Manigo
Roosevelt Maske
Samuel Massey
Ernest McCree
William McDonald
James McGill
William Morrow, Sr.
Kneever Morrow
Eric Nelson
Samuel Perry
Robert Person III
Odell Robinson
L. Pete Scarborough
David Scott
Richard Stewart
Early Vaughters, Sr.
Rufus Watts
Thomas Wilkins

Deceased Deacons

Lewis Caldwell
John Clark
James Crawford
Fred Davis
James Ford
Edward Gist
William Grier
Coker Hare
John Harris
James Hemphill
John Hemphill
Neely Hudson
Zeb Jackson
Sam Johnson
Charlie Jones
James Lewis
Oliver Martin
Kim Mickens
Hiliard Petty
Gibson H. Richmond
Andrew Sheperd
William J. Sloan
John L. Walker
David Waymer
Walter Weddington
Melvin White
Clarence Williams

Trustees

The first appointed Trustees of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church who were charged to serve in this leadership capacity included the following Brothers:

Henry Caldwell
W.H. Houser
Abner Jones
James Lewis
Harvey Massey
Zack Ruffin

Trustees — Duties And Responsibilities

Historically, Trustees have functioned in all aspects of the life of Friendship. The minutes from 1949 through 1987 are reflective of a council that planned, organized and implemented the construction of buildings and the purchase of land.

The duties have been varied through the years. The trustees have served on the finance and budget committee, the transportation committee, and have performed numerous other tasks that are related to the maintenance of the church building and properties. It was essential for the Trustees and related committees to assist the Pastor at the direction of the Church. It must also be remembered that Friendship operated on limited funds, but had monthly church conferences at which time expenditures were discussed.

The structure has changed in the last ten years, and as the church grows, the operative management structure will continue to be altered to meet the current demands. Our staff now has a full-time administrative manager who has the responsibility of the daily operations of the church. Additionally, the manager is in charge of purchasing, inventory, payroll, and the operation of the computer. All purchasing and expending of funds will be done through requisitions in accordance to a line-item budget. It is the major responsibility of the finance committee to be aware of how well the finances are being managed. Therefore, as the duties of trustees are being discussed, it must be remembered that these duties will vary in accordance with the goals and objectives adopted by Friendship Missionary Baptist Church as well as the specific needs of the administration.

Specific duties would include:

1. The purchase of property (at the directive of the church)
2. The sale of property (at the directive of the church)
3. The development of a comprehensive insurance plan for the church in cooperation with the church treasurer
4. The annual evaluating of the insurance program
5. The preparation of and recommendations of purchasing building items and/or structural improvements annually

6. The review of the proposed budget before it is recommended to the General Board
7. The responsibility to serve on special committees to review bids on major purchases
8. Other general duties as the need arises
9. Regular attendance at Trustees' meetings scheduled for the third Monday each month at 7:00 P.M.

These duties will necessitate additions and deletions periodically and should be reviewed annually.

Trustees' Council

The council itself consists of seventeen (17) Trustees — two of whom **must** be youth in the 11th or 12th grade in school. Also, no member can serve more than six (6) years consecutively (two terms) without vacating the council for at least one year. Presently, there are five members of the Class of 1991; 1994, and 1997. Five new members will be elected in 1991 as the Class of 2000. Additionally, two new Youth Members will be elected. Those making up the present council are as follows:

Class of 1991 — Sister Dorothy Anthony; Brothers Roger Campbell, Harvey Gantt, Robert Person, Jr., and Howard Pettice. Each will retire after this term.

Class of 1994 — Brothers Michael Evans, Vincent James, and Floyd D. Young; Sisters Dorothy McCown, and Nancy Stroud.

Class of 1997 — Brothers Frank Emory, William Jones, James Lawrence, and Walter Taylor; Sister Betty McLaurin.

Youth Representatives — Brothers Edward Bobbitt, Jr. and Troy Scarborough. Also, these members serve as members of the General Board of the Church (Deacons and other elected Officials).

The 1990 Trustee Council Officers are as follows:

Brother Robert Person, Jr., Chairperson
Brother Floyd D. Young, Vice-Chairperson
Sister Dorothy McCown, Secretary

The Emeritus Members are:

Sister Theola Brown
Brother Julius Chambers
Brother Rufus McCullough
Sister Clara Stitt
Brother Ernest McCree
Brother William A. Ervin, Sr.

The Ex-officio Member is Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

Trustee Council

Dorothy Anthony

Roger Campbell

Harvey Gantt

Robert Person

Howard Pettice

Michael Evans

Vincent James

Floyd D. Young

Dorothy McCown

Nancy Stroud

Frank Emory

William Jones

James Lawrence

Walter Taylor

Betty McLaurin

Edward Bobbitt, Jr.

Troy Scarborough

Friendship Deaconesses

When Friendship Baptist Church was established in 1890, the original deacons came from First Baptist Church. The deacons comprised the Deacon's Board, with their wives serving as deaconesses. It is the responsibility of the deaconesses to assist the deacons and/or the Pastor in all church related matters. However, this assistance might include: (1) carrying communion to the sick and shut-in; (2) preparing communion trays for the communion service; (3) helping to dress the baptismal candidates for baptism; (4) accompanying the deacons when visiting the shut-in or bereaved families; and (5) being available to serve as Flower Bearers for funerals upon request.

On the first Sunday in each month, a deaconess can be identified by her dress. During the months of June through September, the deaconesses wear white; during October through May, they wear black.

The deaconesses provide the support that the deacons need in order to best serve the church and the community.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Deaconess Board
1990

Seated: (L-R) Valerie Scott, Catherine Barnes, Linda Kennedy, and Ethel Person; First Row: (L-R) Shirley Manigo, Eva Kennon, Cora Massey, Cecelia Weddington, Dorothy Anthony, Betty Wilkins, Thelma Grier, Ethel McDonald, and Ina Ligon; Second Row: (L-R) Laura Ervin, Lucinda Blue, Hattie McCree, Juanita Belton, Margaret Perry, Priscilla Burnett, Mary McGill, Christine Gadsden, Annie Morrow, Theresa Stewart, and Earlene Watts; Third Row: (L-R) Phyllis Chapman and Ella Scarborough

Deaconesses

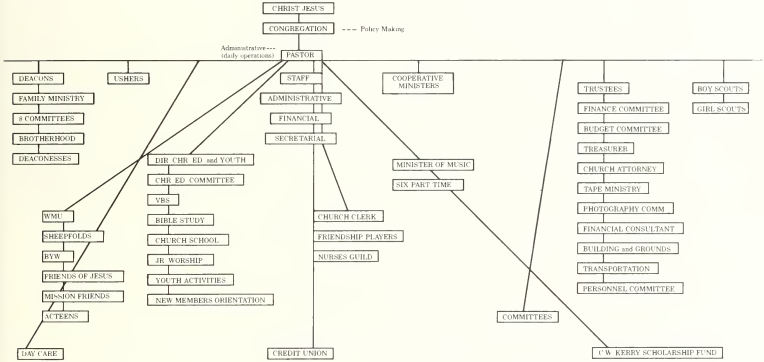
Sisters:
Dorothy Anthony
Catherine Barnes
Juanita Belton
Lucinda Blue
Priscilla Burnett
Thelmetia Bynum
Blanche Caldwell
Lillie Canady
Grace Chambers
Phyllis Chapman
Laura Ervin
Constance Evans (Deceased)
Christine Gadsden
Thelma Grier
Elizabeth Hare
Evangelean Hilliard
Deborah Holland
Linda Kennedy
Eva Kennon
Ina Ligon
Irene Lowery
Stella Mack
Shirley Manigo
Frances Maske
Cora Massey
Hattie McCree
Ethel McDonald
Mary McGill
Annie Morrow
Tammera Nelson
Margaret Perry
Ethel Person
Bertha Robinson
Ella Scarborough
Valerie Scott
Theresa Stewart
Earlene Watts
Barbara Waymer
Celia Weddington
Betty Wilkins
Everlena Williams

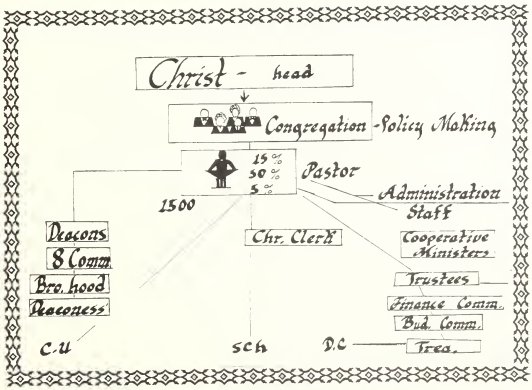
E. CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

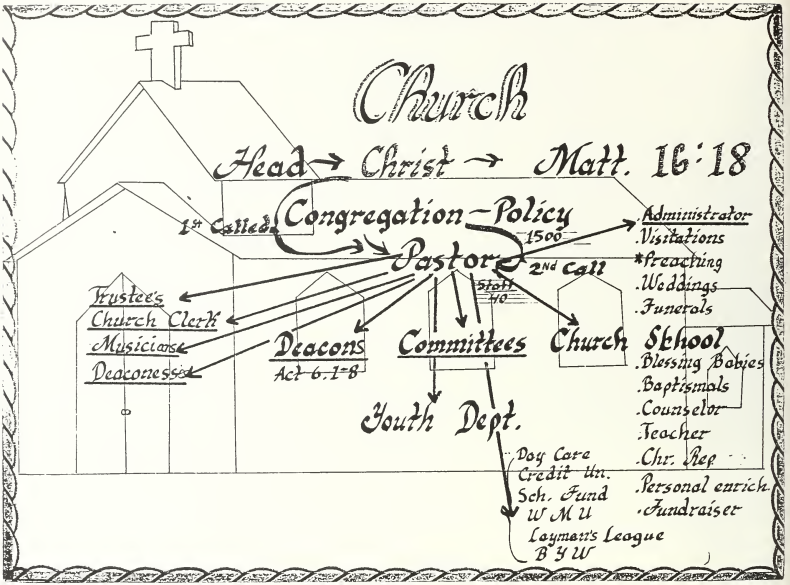
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Organizational Flowcharts

The organizational flowcharts included here, are designed to show in graphic detail the line of authority, or more appropriately, the lines of cooperation within our church. It illustrates the manner in which organizations and boards are related and illustrates the position of the church in all matters.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART — EARLY 70'S







F. MISSION ORGANIZATIONS

Women's Missionary Union
THE CALL TO MISSION[1]
THE CALL

The church needs to be reminded of her call to mission. She needs to be reminded that she is a band of a fellowship of persons who have responded to Christ's call, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," Matt. 4:19. Moreover on another occasion, He told his disciples to go, teach, baptize, and teach some more. (see Matt. 28: 19-20). Thus one sees that Christ calls the church or His disciples to the mission of making, baptizing, and nurturing disciples.

The word "church" comes from the Greek word, "ecclesia," which means "called out." In essence the church is called out of the world unto God through Christ but sent to the world to minister by Christ. The church is God's chosen generation, royal priesthood, holy nation. The church has this calling for the purpose of manifesting the virtues of her Savior and Lord who called her out of darkness into the marvelous light. This call gives her direction, authority, and assurance.

CHRIST'S MISSION—THE CHURCH'S MISSION

What is the church's mission? The church has no other mission than that of Christ, her Savior and Lord. All persons of the church must know who Christ is for themselves. In these words could Christ ask, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" But the question which goes to the nucleus of the church's being is, "Whom say ye that I am?" (Matt. 16: 3-15).

What was and is Christ's mission? His mission was and is to reveal God and to redeem mankind.

First Row Seated: (L-R) Theresa Stewart, Shirley Manigo, Margaret Perry, Annie Morrow, Ina Ligon, Ethel McDonald, Lena Pickens, Loretta Stanley, Cora Massey, Laura Ervin, Clara Stitt, Bertha J. Moore, and Bessie Cowan; Second Row: (L-R) Katherine Hicklen, Emma Tuck, Lillie Mae Campbell, Nettie Myrick, Daisy Dixon, Gladys Strong, Gulia Mobley, Ethel Person, Bessie Ledbetter, Barbara Stephens, Brenda Porter, Yolanda Brandon, Phyllis Chapman, Stephaney Crawford, Wanda Nelson, Celliar Garris, and Jeanette Johnson-McNeal; Third Row: (L-R) Artie Phillips, Betty Wilkins, Rosemary Lawrence, Ellen Flamer, Daisy Walker, Carolyn Nelson, Carolyn Gary, Claudette Bynum, Valerie Singleton, Barbara Pride, Eunice Gist, Cynthia Gilmore, Rose Clay, Sandra C. Williams, Marjorie Morrow, Doretha L. Leak, Jean Grier, and Doris Johnson

How does this relate to the church? The church is the means by which Christ continues His ministry of revealing God and redeeming man by her witnessing to and for who He is and what His ministry is. For as the Father sent Him so He sends his church.

However, Christ does not need mission nor the church, but He has chosen to use human beings as agents in His redemptive program. In this way the church, the agent of His redemptive plan, learns to be and grow in the obedient servant role as that of Jesus through the experience of doing, thus working out her salvation. Then out of the mission comes missions which is "the work by which God proclaims and extends His Kingdom of love, redemption, and righteousness among men, by means of those whom He has redeemed and commissioned as his representatives."[2]

THE NEED FOR MISSION

The scripture, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself," (2 Cor. 5:19), asserts the need for mission. This action was necessary because there was a broken relationship of man with God. Also because man was not in harmonious fellowship with God, he was at odds with fellow persons and even himself. However, the church must comprehend clearly the fact that God did not need to be reconciled with man, for it was man who rebelled against God, sinned, and engendered the severing of the fellowship ties. Thus, in essence, the need for mission is that of restoring unity. This unity comes through the atoning work of Jesus whereby one is restored to fellowship with God, himself and other persons.

THE POWER FOR MISSION

Is the church trying to do and be mission or missions without power? What is the power or who is the power for missions? In Acts 2, the people were empowered by the Holy Spirit before they began the mission of adding others unto the church. One can infer as he reads Acts 2 that wherever the church went and ministered that the Holy Spirit engendered the acts, and the same Holy Spirit who acted during that period of time is at work today in the true and living church.

THE WOMAN'S CONVENTION AND MISSION

All disciples or believers are called and charged with this mission; that is, the entire church is involved in it. Therefore, the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention is a part of the visible church involved in the call to mission and also becomes a missionary through its constituency—baptized believers of Christ.

In the year 1884, some North Carolina Missionary Baptist women felt the call to mission and responded by banding themselves together under the leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Henry Martin Tupper (himself an American Baptist Missionary, founder, and first president of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina), and formed this convention. In 1946, this convention assumed the position of Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention. Among some of the founders were Mrs. N.F. Roberts, Mrs. Hattie E. Shepard, Miss Helen Jackson, Mrs. Sallie A. Mial, and Mrs. B.E. Green. (For a history of the convention, see **History of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, and One Hundred Years of Continuous Service.)**

These saintly and dedicated women, along with other noble women of the past, extended their hands far and near through missions, and it is now that Baptist women, having received this great and Godly legacy, must add to the gift and keep the torch lighted by involving themselves in Christ's mission through missions.

The convention exists to organize and improve participation in missionary circles of local churches by inspiring fellowship, spiritual growth, and unity in purpose.

Since its beginning, the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention has grown tremendously. Very early in the organizational plan, the leaders saw the need to educate the children in the churches in Christian and missionary education. Therefore, the Junior Department was organized in 1924. As this department grew with a large following of children of different ages, the name was changed to Junior-Young People's Department. By the 1960's, teenagers had begun to be involved in larger numbers. It was then that the leaders changed the name to Youth Department in 1971. The Youth Department has served as an ever growing asset to the work of the convention.

In 1964, the Convention took another visionary step that proved to be progressive. The Young Adult Department was organized for those ages 21 through 35 to bridge the gap between the already existing seniors and youth. This department of talented and spiritual young adults has made a deep impact on the activity in the churches around the state, and the Woman's Convention has profited by this dynamic move.

Many young persons and young adults have been trained through the Woman's Convention and many are making significant contributions in missionary and Christian Education.

MISSIONARY is a term given to a Christian messenger who has a message from God and is sent forth by divine authority for the definite purpose of evangelism, which means to present the gospel across national, cultural, or religious lines for the conversion of the unbeliever, or nonbeliever and making them believers in Jesus Christ. The word 'missionary' comes from the Latin word "mitto" "I send," and is related to the New Testament "apostello" — "to send."

Traditionally, a missionary is conceived as one who makes it a vocation and goes to a far country to help make Christians. They are "sent." It is the sending that makes the difference. It is person-to-person work with much dependence on the resourcefulness of the individual. Today, the concept can be broadened to include the entire church or every believer. It is each Christian's responsibility to reach out in service and love to meet the needs of others.

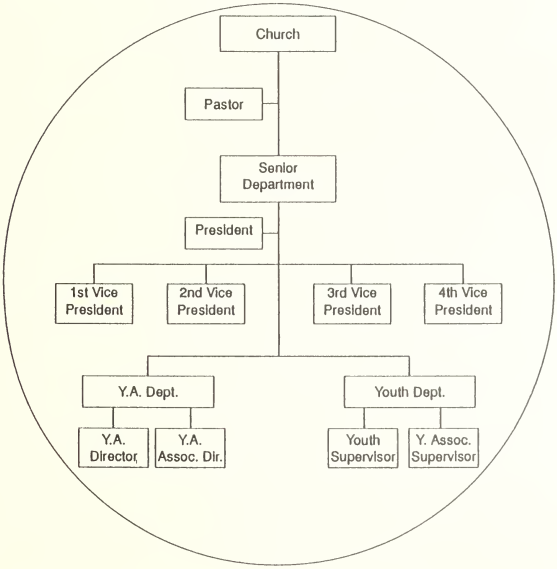
As members of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, we are missionaries because we have been sent Biblically to spread the gospel. Local churches have joined

together in a convention to pool their resources, skills, talents, and time en masse so as to do the most good for the most needed.

The missionary circle of the local church is an organized auxiliary of the church with the responsibility of learning and teaching how to win the lost of Christ. It helps the church teach missions. Some ways this may be done are:

By studying the Bible as the basic guide for missions.
By reading missionary books and other Christian literature for further clarification.
By studying hymnology for an understanding of the Word through lyrics and music.
Through stewardship by being a trustee of our lives, time, talents and resources.
Through witnessing and evangelism so as to tell the gospel story.
Through personal service to others for the edification to Christ for others at home and abroad.
Through visitation to the sick, shut-in, the imprisoned, backsliders, and the unsaved or unchurched.[3]

THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF A MISSIONARY CIRCLE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH[4]

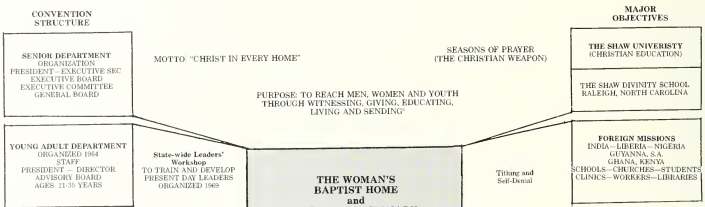


OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS OF THE WOMAN'S CONVENTION[5]

OBJECTIVES

Our Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina realizes that it is to represent Christ in meeting the needs of the people. The core of the Convention and perhaps the most important aspects are the objectives or purposes on which it was founded, and for which it continues to perpetuate its program. Thus, in implementing or carrying out this mission as assigned by Christ, it concentrates its missions through the following channels or objectives:

1. **SHAW UNIVERSITY,** located in Raleigh, North Carolina, is responsible for the highest level of educational training with religious emphasis.
2. **SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL,** located in Raleigh, North Carolina, is an institution for the training and development of Christian leaders.
3. **FOREIGN MISSIONS** supports salaries of missionaries, builds and supports schools and clinics, and helps to evangelize the world. This is done mainly through the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention with headquarters in Washington, D.C.
4. **STATE MISSIONS** encompass the internal and external expense of the Woman's Convention including salaries, operational expenses, publications, and conventional ministries.
5. **CENTRAL CHILDREN'S HOME,** located in Oxford, North Carolina, provides a home for needy children in an atmosphere of love.
6. **J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY,** located in Laurel Hill, North Carolina, serves as a retreat area for our Baptist Families to hold workshops, camps, conferences, picnics, and retreats. These sixty two acres of land in Scotland County are often used by God's people to relax, meditate, worship, study and play, providing an opportunity for renewed spirits to serve.



Friendship Baptist Church Missionary Department

One hundred years ago the journey of the missionary department was locked into its destiny. During the early beginnings of the church from 1890-1915, most of the decisions concerning the women of the church were made by the Church Board which was made up of men.

As the missionary journey continued, the vision of Sister Sallie Miles led to the organization of the first Women's Missionary Society. In 1915 Sister Lizzie Walker became president of the Missionary Society and served for fifty years. During this time, the missionary circles were named after the deacons of the church. Sister Walker was very active and was once a delegate to the Baptist World Alliance.

In the early fifties, our Missionary Groups were named for former members of Friendship and state leaders:

1) William A. Sloan Group
2) G.O. Bullock Group
3) A.M. Townsend Group
4) M.A. Horne Group
5) Lott Carey Group
6) Andrew Shepherd Group
7) Rosa Watson Group
8) B.K. Mason Group
9) John L. Powell Group
10) Nannie Burroughs Group
11) C.C. Adams Group

Sister Pearl Cooper became the next president. Sister Cooper was, also, a very dedicated leader and was involved in missions in the local county union, state convention, and on the national level. Sister Cooper implemented many changes during her twenty-five years as president. Under the leadership of Pastor Kerry, the youth department flourished. The missionary circles became known as sheepfolds named after Biblical personalities such as Sarah.

Sister Lizzie Wallace, following in the footsteps of Sister Cooper, continued to implement new ideas during her seven years as president. She was the first president of the Women's Missionary Union to be the Women's Day Speaker. Under the leadership of Pastor Kerry, she reorganized the first Sunday night WMU meetings.

During the presidency of Sister Florizel Ervin, the Women's Missionary Union continued to grow. During the seven years in which she served, new missionary circles or sheepfolds were formed. Sister Ervin was, also, very active in the Mecklenburg County Union. Because of her loyalty and dedication to the work of the Friendship Missionary Union, Sister Ervin was honored. Under the

(L-R) Sister Lizzie Walker, Founder and former Friendship Women's Missionary Society President; Sister Beulah J. Perrin, great missionary worker

Sister Pearl Cooper, President for 25 years of the Friendship Women's Missionary Society

Sister Florizel Ervin, President of the Women's Missionary Union for 7 years

Sister Lena Pickens, President of the Women's Missionary Union from 1987-1990

leadership of Pastor Clifford Jones, she became President Emeritus of the WMU at the church awards banquet in 1986.

Sister Lena Pickens became president in 1987 and served until the end of the centennial year, 1990. She worked to bring about more unity in missions with the Brotherhood of the church. Through these efforts, the Brotherhood and WMU became the Friendship Missionary Union and met jointly on the first Sundays of the month. The youth department of the church was revitalized. Youth issues were addressed through workshops called "LOVE POWER 100."

The missionary journey continues at Friendship, as we are a Missionary Baptist Church. However, our destiny and missions for the next 100 years are yet to be determined as we continue to serve God through our witness and service to our fellowman.

The Woman's Missionary Union:

The Missionary Union is the faucet through which the mandates of the Great Commission are carried out on the local, state, national, and international levels.

We have and need the Missionary Union or Circle to fulfill the requirements of the Missionary Baptist Church. We need the Missionary Union, because well planned missionary teaching is an essential element of the church program.

The Objectives and Responsibilities of the WMU are to engage in and have active participation in adding souls to the Church. This power for missions comes first, by the Holy Spirit.

All disciples or believers are called and charged with this mission through our Sheepfolds, Baptist Young Women, and Youth Department. The WMU must provide and interpret information from our (1) National Conventions; (2) Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention; (3) The Mecklenburg County Union, Mecklenburg Association, and the District.

There is only one Missionary Circle in our church, others are groups. There is only one president, others are chairpersons of groups. An A-1 Department consists of:

1. Senior Department
2. Young Adult Department
3. Youth Department

The senior president is responsible for the success of the departments to the extent that she has the responsibility, along with the Pastor for the structure of the Department.

Therefore she must become totally involved to encourage leaders of the groups and departments to become involved. She must help each member of the Church become aware of their responsibilities. In the book of Micah the question is asked: "What doth the Lord require of thee?" The answer the Prophet gave is still simple:

Number 1 — Justice; be honest and fair in all dealings.
Number 2 — Mercy; Give more than justice; be merciful to those whether we think they need it or not.
Number 3 — Walk humbly with thy God.

The President of the Senior Department should have influence for motivating people. She must know how to apply the wisdom and skills acquired in order to motivate people to get them involved in the right prospective so that she will not be accused of taking the position as "Boss."

The Senior President, assisted by her Pastor, Young Adult Director, and Youth Supervisor should make plans for Institutes and Bible Study, along with the Education Chairman of the Church; seeking lost souls is the key word to Missions. The Missionary Department should by all means be or feel responsible for assisting the Pastor in every way possible, making the service attractive to visitors.

The officers of the circle are as follows:

President
Four Vice Presidents
These serve as Chairpersons of:
1. Enlistment Committee
2. Education Committee
3. Mission in Action Committee
4. Stewardship Committee
5. Program, Worship, Music, and Social Chairpersons work together

Secretary
Assistant Secretary

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina
Admits The Missionary Circle
(Senior, Young Adult and/or Youth Departments)
of
Friendship Baptist Church Charlotte, N.C.
To The
CIRCLE OF TRUTH
PRAYING - GIVING - SERVING
This 12th Day of January 1991 A. D.
President
Executive Secretary

In 1970 the WMU was restructured using the names of people from the Bible:

Sheepfold of Bartholomew
Sheepfold of Dorcas
Sheepfold of Esther
Sheepfold of John
Sheepfold of Luke
Sheepfold of Miriam
Sheepfold of Ruth
Sheepfold of Sarah
Sheepfold of Thomas
Sheepfold of Titus

The Young Adult Department in our Church consists of young ladies ages 18-29 (Men 18 and above go with the Brotherhood of the Church). These young ladies are called Baptist Young Women (BYM). The Youth Department consisted of:

Acteens — boys and girls ages 13-17 years
Mission Friends — boys and girls ages 9-12 years
Friends of Jesus — boys and girls ages birth-8 years

Friendship is unique as its young adult women are called Baptist Young Women and the senior missionaries are members of groups called Sheepfolds and not circles.

There are ten sheepfold groups named after Biblical personalities. All of the men of the church are a part of the church Brotherhood.

Women's Missionary Union Of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

BYW and Sheepfold, Presidents
Baptist Young Women, Sister Wendy Ladd
Sheepfold Of Bartholomew, Sister Doretha L. Leak
Sheepfold Of Dorcas, Sister Celliar Garris
Sheepfold Of Esther, Sister Rose Clay
Sheepfold Of John, Sister Gladys Strong
Sheepfold Of Luke, Sister Marjorie Morrow
Sheepfold Of Miriam, Sister Stephaney Crawford
Sheepfold Of Ruth, Sister Phyllis Chapman
Sheepfold Of Sarah, Sister Emma Nash
Sheepfold Of Thomas, Sister Gulia Mobley
Sheepfold Of Titus, Sister Annie Morrow

SHEEPFOLDS OF
FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sheepfold of Bartholomew
First Row Seated: (L-R) Juanita Belton, Juanita White, Ida Glenn, Beatrice Hood, Doretha L. Leak, Pansie Roberson, Gladys Brower, and Lynette Foxx; Second Row: (L-R) Dorothy Shipman, Mary Foxx, Hattie McCree, Shirley Manigo, Emma Bogle, Marizetta Kerry, Bertha Robinson, Ozener Yancey, Lorene G. Sanders, Geraldine Powe, Evelyn Bragg, and Margaret Alexander

Sheepfold of Dorcas
First Row Seated: (L-R) Elouise Carter, Celliar Garris, Carolyn Lloyd, and Doris Johnson; Second Row: (L-R) Ruthie McCleave, Betty Tucker, Myra Stowe, Ferdenia Haywood, C. Jackson, and Yulanda Brannum; Third Row: (L-R) Cadell Belk, Geraldine Murray, Bernice Spencer, Laura Lawhorne, and Minnie Williams; Fourth Row: (L-R) Barbara Pride, Carolyn Gary, Joyce Blakeney, Sheila Eudell, Ann Austin, and Carolyn Nelson

NOTES

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Sheepfold of Esther
Seated: (L-R) Rose Clay and Helen Little; First Row: (L-R) Jean Grier, Sarah Sloan, Geraldine Freeman, Mattie Brown, Jan McCullough, and Daisy Walker; Second Row: (L-R) Linda Kennedy, Pat Dowdy, and Betty Gainey

Sheepfold of John
First Row: (L-R) Gwendolyn W. Griffin, Blanche Caldwell, and Gladys Strong; Second Row: (L-R) Irene Lowery and Pamela Welborn; Third Row: Cleola McAdams

Sheepfold of Luke
First Row: (L-R) Daisy Dixon, Marjorie Morrow, and Edna Hinton; Second Row: (L-R) Lugertha Morris, Emma Tuck, and Esther Colvin; Third Row: (L-R) Gladys Albert and Sarah Blackwell

Sheepfold of Miriam
First Row Seated: (L-R) Gwendolyn Burton, Baby Lauren R. McCullough, Barbara Stephens, Stephaney Crawford, Dorothy Robinson, and Ethel Person; Second Row: (L-R) Valerie Scott, Ellen Flamer, Danita Terrell, Gwendolyn Taylor, Cornella Parker, Brenda A. Porter, Cynthia Gilmore, Mary Clark, and Valorie McCullough

Sheepfold of Ruth
First Row: (L-R) Forizel Ervin, Betty McGown, Phyllis Chapman, Bessie Ledbetter, Artie Phillips, and Katherine Hicklen; Second Row: (L-R) Hattie Eaves, Vertis Armstrong, Lauretta Chisolm, Eunice Gist, Burnette Freeman, and Cubia Spaulding; Third Row: (L-R) Sarah Davis, Lorraine Orr, and Shirley Borders; Fourth Row: (L-R) Maxine McGill, Loretta Stanley, and Lena Pickens

Sheepfold of Sarah
(L-R) Maggie Mobley, Pearlie Henderson, and Clara Stitt

Sheepfold of Titus
First Row: (L-R) Cora Massey, Ina Ligon, Laura Ervin, and Juanita McClettie; Second Row: (L-R) Cleo Hambright, Margaret Perry, Barbara Gaines, Annie Morrow, and Amanda Sneed

Sheepfold of Thomas
First Row Seated: (L-R) Dollie Watson, Daisy S. Walker, and Gulia Mobley; Second Row: (L-R) Mozelle McClinton and Bertha Moore

OVERVIEW OF THE MISSIONARY STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

Friendship is a Missionary Baptist Church. The mission of the church is the mission of Christ. It is from this mission that the missions of the church evolved. Through the years, these missions have included proclaiming and extending God's kingdom of redemption, unity, peace, and love. The main focus of our missions is to lead persons to Christ and assist them in their spiritual journey. Members of Friendship, empowered by the Holy Spirit, have been charged with these missions throughout the history of the church.

The church has joined with other organized groups to carry out its mission emphasis. Friendship is affiliated with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the parent body of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. Through this association, locally, we are a part of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association. Our national alignments are with the Lott Carey Convention, The Progressive National Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Churches of the South.

The organizational structure of the Friendship Missionary Union includes the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) and the Brotherhood. The Women's Missionary Union (WMU) follows the guidelines of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. It includes the Youth Department, ages 3 to 20, the Young Adult Department, ages 21-35 and the Senior Department, ages 36 and above.

The Purpose of the WMU is for Christian Women of all ages to be boldly involved in the work of missions; to experience an awareness of their own potential; to respond to Christ's call: **"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men";** to offer good programs because of our need for missions. The need for missions is that of restoring unity. (II Corinthians 5:19) "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."

Conventions/Conferences

The 106th Annual Session
of the
Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign
Missionary Convention of North Carolina
Auxiliary to General Baptist State Convention

Featuring
The Seniors, The Young Adults
and
The Youth

Benton Convention Center
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

July 23-26, 1990

Shiloh Baptist Church — Host
Dr. J. Ray Butler, Host Pastor

Mrs. Eva H. Johnson, President
Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

On Monday, July 23, 1990, the Senior Messengers traveled to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to represent Friendship Missionary Baptist Church at the 106th Annual Session of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. The 1990 Convention was held on July 23-26, at the Benton Convention Center, in Winston-Salem, with the Shiloh Baptist Church serving as the Host Church and Dr. J. Ray Butler serving as the Host Pastor. **"The Challenge of The Unfinished Task In Christian Education"** was this year's theme. The Seniors, The Young Adults, and The Youth were the featured groups at the Convention.

Monday, July 23, Morning, Afternoon, and Evening

The program for this Session consisted of: Registration, Special Committee Reports, the Executive and General Board Meetings, and the Convention Choir Rehearsal.

Monday evening's Pre-Convention Banquet was the high point of the day. There was an array of beauty and splendor at that event where numerous Baptist women and girls of North Carolina donned their best dresses and enjoyed some truly scrumptious food.

It was Dr. Mary O. Ross, President of the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, United States of America, Inc. who delivered the special address, which challenged us to set goals and finish our assigned tasks in Christian Education.

Tuesday, July 24, Morning, Afternoon and Evening

Items on the Agenda included, Morning Devotional Services, Mission Study Classes, Experience Sharing, Memorial Services, Recognition of Past Presidents, and Greetings.

Afternoon music was furnished by The Convention Choir. The Sermon for this Session was delivered by Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. That sermon, too, warmed our hearts and lifted our spirit.

Wednesday, July 25, Morning, Afternoon, and Evening

The Morning program began with the Early Morning Devotion and continued through the afternoon with Mission Study Classes and Greetings for Dr. J. B. Humphrey, President of the General Baptist State Convention. Young Adult Director Stanley, and Youth Supervisor Hewett, also, expressed greetings.

On Wednesday afternoon the Young Adults and the Youth were in charge of the program. The young people performed in a Youth Mini-Concert which was comprised of many young Conventioneers. These youthful, vibrant, and dedicated Baptists rose to the occasion and performed as if they were professionals.

Wednesday night was Foreign Missions Night. The Pastor, Choir, and Ushers from Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Charlotte were in charge of the Services for the evening. Dr. Jones' Sermon was dynamic, motivational, challenging, and inspiring. Again, Friendship was well represented by those who performed as well as by those in attendance.

. . . And teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus . . .

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him:

. . . As ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the rudiment of the world, and not after Christ.

Excerpts from Col: 1:28, 2:6-8

Thursday, July 26 — Morning

The final Agenda Items of the 106th Annual Session of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina (Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention) included the Early Devotion, Mission Study Class, Committee Reports, Congregational Singing, and the Installation of Officers.

President Eva H. Johnson, all members of the Executive Board, and all members of the Planning and Organizational Committee should be commended for conducting a very successful Convention.

We do, sincerely, wish to thank the Pastor, Members of Friendship, and especially, the Women's Missionary Union for choosing us to serve as Messengers for this year's Convention. The experiences were wholesome and rewarding.

Messengers: Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

Sisters:

Mary F. Clark
Brenda R. Jones
Doretha L. Leak
Gulia H. Mobley
Juanita P. White

Youth Convention Report

On July 23-26, 1990, my mother, my sisters, and I attended the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Each morning Monday — Thursday, we attended the Study Sessions for Children where we studied **"God's Good Plan."**

Each afternoon, we spent several hours practicing with the Youth Choir under the direction of Victor, a theology student at Shaw University. We learned several gospel songs as well as hymns.

The Youth Concert was held on Thursday afternoon. It was very inspirational.

The highlight of the convention was meeting **Miss Minnie Lyons, who at age 104 is the oldest living Missionary.** Miss Lyons, a Spelman graduate, served over 30 years in Liberia, Africa.

We want to thank the Women's Missionary Union at Friendship for allowing us the opportunity to represent them at the Convention. It is an experience we will never forget. Again, we thank you.

Youth Sisters:

Crystal Clark
LaTonya Clark
Patrice Clark

Tour Group
The Orient 1990

Lizzie W. Aaron ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
Flora Dixon Alston ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*Vertis Marie Armstrong ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
Altermese Smith Bentley ..... Sanford, Florida
Ida Pearl Boston ..... Oviedo, Florida
*Frances Chesnutt Bullock ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
Juanita Staton Clement ..... Fayetteville, North Carolina
*Gwyn Davis ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
Gwendolyn Peterson Davis ..... High Point, North Carolina
Luella Dickens Edwards ..... Fayetteville, North Carolina
Geneva Foushee ..... Fayetteville, North Carolina
Carmeta Fudd ..... Atco, New Jersey
Robert Fudd ..... Atco, New Jersey
*Rhonda Gooden ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*Jean L. Grier ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*Dewey W. Hall ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*Olean M. Hall ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*Carolyn Brenda Jones ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*Cathy W. Jones ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*Reverend Clifford A. Jones, Sr. .. Charlotte, North Carolina
Linda Marie Jones ..... Camden, New Jersey
Rosa Lee Jones ..... Palmer Park, Maryland
Clara Lawson ..... Landover, Maryland
*Doretha L. Leak ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*Juanita Grant McClettie ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
Byrdia Louise S. Morgan ..... Fayetteville, North Carolina
*Annie C. Morrow ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*William H. Morrow, Sr. ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
Mercedes Ioma Jones Newsome .. Wilmington, North Carolina
*Brenda Anne Porter ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
Mary Louise Smith ..... Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Irene V. Tomes ..... Asheville, North Carolina
Oliver Tomes, Jr. ..... Asheville, North Carolina
*Daisy Walker ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*Virginia M. Walker ..... Charlotte, North Carolina
*Minnie Lee Williams ..... Charlotte, North Carolina

* Members of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Day One (8/7)

Part of Clifford Jones' Group (30 North Carolinians) left Charlotte to join the remaining members (3 from New Jersey, 2 from Maryland, and 2 from Florida) at O'Hare in Chicago at 8:11 a.m., then on to Hong Kong via Seattle, Washington — 14 hr. flight from Seattle.

Day Two (8/8)

We arrived in hot (90%f) and humid Hong Kong at 5:25 p.m. There we met our friendly guide Phibe Young. We were taken to the Marriott Hotel where we were given the itinerary for the duration of our stay in Hong Kong. Much to our pleasure, the remaining part of that day was leisure.

Day Three (8/9)

Some of us were at breakfast at 6:30 a.m., for a full day's tour was planned.

The Baptist World Alliance in Seoul, Korea and Tour of Hong Kong; Bangkok, Thailand; and Narita, Japan

Aug. 7, 1990 — Aug. 22, 1990

We arrived at Victoria Island to ride The Hong Kong Peak Tramway, *a train which goes 1305 ft. above sea level;* from this height we viewed Hong Kong, Macau and Kowloon Peninsula.

The meaning of Hong Kong, a British Colony, is fragrant harbor. There are 235 islands, six million people of whom 98% are Chinese; forty-four percent live in low-cost housing.

Phibe, our tour guide, related that she lives in a 17x20 house with her mother; however, at one time five family members lived there also.

There are more than 500 dialects. Education became compulsory in 1978; one has to attend school for nine years; he or she pays for school after the age of fifteen years. Students attend school from 8:30-12:20 a.m. and 1:30-6:30 p.m. and alternate Saturday mornings. Secondary school is a full five days. Form 4 is twelfth grade; about four per cent attend a university; there are some technical institutes.

We all took rides in the river boats so that we could tour Aberdeen, a fishing village. There we viewed the harbor and saw natives living on the river in boats. There were approximately twenty thousand living in boats; however, there were even more squatters or homeless people.

Our next stop was in Kowloon at Stanley Market, a large shopping area, and then at a jewelry factory and finally Tsim Sha Tsu for more shopping. Here we visited Pete's Tailor Shop, and other stores.

Day Four

In that a visit to Red China was not part of the original itinerary, the guide left this as optional,

however, everyone wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to visit Red China for a day via Macau.

Macau is a Portuguese colony of six square miles with a coastline of 20 miles and a population of 284,000; 80% are farmers. Macau is called the "Monte Carlo of the Far East" because of its huge gambling business. Macau squatters are situated on Mainland China, forty miles from Hong Kong. The harbor of Macau is too shallow for large ships to dock. They export cement, firecrackers, matches, and fish.

All thirty-seven of the Clifford Jones' group took a jetfoil (ferry boat) to Mainland China — Macau/Macao. From the jetfoil we saw Victoria Harbor, the South China Sea and the Pearl Sea, which is the longest in South China.

In China we visited:

—Birthplace (which is now a museum) of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, Father of China

—As we rode toward the high school built by Dr. Sun Yat Sen's son, we stopped to take pictures of Peking ducks, oxen, rice fields and water buffalo.

We ate family style at lunchtime at the Hot Springs Hotel. The menu was pork & vegetables, shrimp & eggs, rice, chicken strips, beef & stringbeans, pickled onions, and soup, and sweet bananas. *Very* Good!

—Farming Village. Our tour guide Phibe informed us of a Michael Jackson home that we all needed to see. Jackson had visited this area and taken a photo with an eighty-six year old Chinese and sent the picture back to him as a souvenir; as one enters the home this is one of the many pictures that one sees — of course, the only BLACK.

Day Five (8/11)

All Aboard!! Yes, thirty-seven of us on a Boeing 747 with a seating capacity of 400 plus!!

In two hours and twenty minutes we were in Bangkok, Thailand, the only area not colonized. The temperature was 90° and very humid.

Our guide was Yoot; our hotel was the Menam. There were many shops in front of the hotel on either side of the street. Some took advantage of pedicures, manicures, and a shampoo and set for a total of $10.00 — shampoo and set for only $2.00.

Day Six (8/12)

Today is Queen Sirikit's birthday; she is fifty-eight years old. Preparations for the celebration were underway.

Our tour began with the city & temples tour:

—temple of the Gold Buddha with 5½ tons of solid gold

—temple of the Reclining Buddha covered in gold leaf, with the soles of his feet decorated with mother-of-pearl. This is the first place where education could be obtained for boys. It covered twenty-two acres.

Interesting sharing from the guide:

1. Buddha with one hand on the knee means — keeps the devil away
2. It is an insult to touch one's head as it is the most sacred place on the body
3. It is an insult if one is sitting on the floor and his/her feet point at someone — this is why the Buddha sits with his feet under him
4. Tuk Tuk — Thailand cab

Day Seven (8/13)

We boarded the bus at 7:30 a.m. for the Bangkok Floating Market ("Sam-nern-sa-duak") On the way we passed shrimp farms & the salt flats where rock salt is made. We also saw the coconut sugar process — it takes approx. 4 yrs. for coconut to mature.

We visited the floating market via canoe. Family homes line the banks of the waterways which gives the city its name, 'Venice of the East.'

Then on to the Rose Garden, where we viewed a sprawling country resort with immaculate gardens, a beautiful lake, and had lunch at a Thai-style restaurant. After lunch, we visited the Thai village for a show which included: a traditional wedding, monk's ordination, cock fight, sword fighting, kick-boxing, & folk dancing.

Day Eight (8/14)

A well-deserved whole day of leisure! BUT in the evening we boarded a rice barge for an exotic feast of delicious dishes as we cruised gently along the Chao Phaya, Bangkok's River of Kimp.

Our plane left for Narita, Japan at 10:25 p.m.

Day Nine

While in Narita, we toured the Shinshoji Temple then took a flight to Seoul.

Day Ten (8/16)

We're off to the Baptist World Alliance via subway, cab, or shuttle bus. BWA meetings were held at the Olympic Stadium.

The overall theme for the BWA was TOGETHER IN CHRIST. (TOGETHER IN CHRIST WE PRAY, WE LOVE, WE HOPE, WE WITNESS, WE WORSHIP AND SERVE.)

The Goals of the Congress were:

1. That the Congress be a time of celebration and that Christ be exalted
2. That the Congress unite the races of the world in Christ
3. That the Congress make a special contribution to the Korean Baptist Convention, as well as to other evangelical churches
4. That there be an emphasis on evangelism
5. That the Congress delegates learn from the Korean Baptists, especially in the areas of prayer, Bible study and witnessing

The sessions included music, a speaker, and Bible study. We heard music from South Africa, Korea, Canada, Hong Kong, England, and the USA.

One of the afternoon sessions was divided into three sections: men's rally, women's celebration (time of music), sharing and listening to what God is doing among BWA women, and youth session (Korean drama and music featured with testimonies from around the world).

One of the speakers shared his message about sin and how sin kills innocence and leaves one permanently damaged. Sin kills ideals; each sin makes the next easier. Sin kills the will; once it becomes a habit, it's not far from being a necessity.

Charles Adams, USA, talked about LOVE. Agape is the giving of self which enhances values. Why we won't love: doubt, distrust and disbelief. One can't separate God from love; to do so is to dethrone God. Love is always around although it is ignored.

Each message was translated immediately after each paragraph; so we all benefited each time. We all sang in our native tongues to familiar hymns and did the same frequently when we prayed.

After lunch we toured Seoul, which is the fifth most crowded city in the world. To reduce population, they are penalized by the government for three children or more. They must pay higher taxes and tuition; taxes are normally 10%.

We also visited KyongBok Palace — a glimpse of ancient Korea, the Amethyst Factory and the Olympic Stadium, which was completed in 1986 at the cost of $600,000,000.

Day Eleven (8/17)

BWA, shopping at Itaewon, and/or leisure

Day Twelve (8/18)

This was the day that we witnessed the Great Commission personified when we saw thousands being baptized in the River Nan; records stated that there were seven thousand baptized by four-hundred ministers.

Day Thirteen — Sunday (8/19)

The Clifford Jones and C. C. Craig groups shared in morning worship at 9 a.m. in the Hotel Shilla where we all spent the duration of our stay in Seoul. Dr. C. C. Craig was the worship leader. Three sermonettes were given by Davis, Edwards, and Mendez and a summarizing sermonette was given by our leader Clifford Jones. The Benediction was by O. T. Tomes. "Very stimulating spiritually."

Day Fourteen (8/20)

This was our last chance to take advantage of tours; thus, we all accompanied our Korean guide on the Folk Village Tour. This was an actual working community of potters, millers, weavers, smiths & other craftsmen working just as their ancestors once did. Their pottery was very expensive because more pieces were broken while in the kiln than were displayed or sold.

Day Fifteen (Tues. 8/21)

We departed Seoul enroute to San Francisco — a 10 hr. flight. Arriving in San Francisco at 10:45 a.m.; some of us spent the day resting at the beautiful Radisson Inn while others toured the Fisherman's Wharf, and of course, others shopped.

Our *Group Time* was culminated with an appreciation dinner; several members expressed thanks

and testimonials to God for the opportunity and to our capable leader for his assistance generally.

The Jones family was presented with a beautiful Thai tea set of blue, white, and rose. Little did they know that our leader's plans included purchasing a tea set upon arrival — glad he was not looking very hard!!!

We love you and appreciate your thoughtfulness. We solicit your prayers as we should be cognizant of our "richness" when we reflect on our experiences abroad. THANKS BE TO GOD!!!

Sister C. Brenda Jones

Fall Retreat
Wild Acres, Little Switzerland, North Carolina
September 28-30, 1990

Thirty-one ladies from Friendship Missionary Baptist Church traveled to Wild-Acres in Little Switzerland, North Carolina, on September 28-30, 1990. This was a special time for spiritual enrichment and personal growth. The central theme for this mountain retreat was "Effective Witnessing" with Sisters Brenda Jones serving as the facilitator and Ethel A. Person as the coordinator.

The week-end was blessed through **God's** love and our commitments to further missions as **Sisters in-Christ.** We found that sincere communications with **God** as well as with people we come in contact with from day-to-day strengthen our becoming comfortable with effective witnessing as Christian women who are in service to **God.** The Sunday worship service at the Retreat was spirit-filled as those present allowed **God** to speak to us and through us for self-examinations of where we are spiritually and to enlighten us as to where we need to be as Christian women.

We learned that many in the group have developed the talents that **God** has given them as examples were shared.

The talents included singing, playing the piano, sewing lingerie, crocheting, reciting, reading, writing poetry, and creating crafts.

This week-end experience seemed to have been enjoyed by all, ending with the requests from many to meet again in the near future knowing that "we serve **God** only as we serve our fellowman."

Sister Ethel A. Person

THE AGENDA

FRIDAY — SEPTEMBER 28, 1990

2:00 p.m.	Depart from Charlotte
4:30 p.m.	Arrive at Wild Acres (Please check in and familiarize yourself with the location.
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Get Acquainted Hour
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Served
7:15-7:45 p.m.	Communications — Part I
7:45-8:00 p.m.	Break
8:00-9:00 p.m.	Communications — Part II
9:00-9:30 p.m.	Activity line-up for next day Closing — Friendship Prayer Circle

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1990

7:00-7:30 a.m.	Exercise/Health Update Awareness
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00-10:00 a.m.	The Importance of Witnessing
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-12:00 a.m.	Qualifications of a Witness
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch (You may spend the rest of the day in leisure time)
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00-8:00 p.m.	The Approach to Witnessing
8:00-9:00 p.m.	The Follow Through
9:00-9:30 p.m.	Activity line-up for next day Closing — Friendship Prayer Circle

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1990

7:00-7:30 a.m.	Exercise/Health Update Awareness
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00-10:00 a.m.	"How to Share God's Plan of Salvation" "How to Give the Invitation" "How to Follow-Up"
10:00-10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
11:15-12:00 a.m.	Talent Sharing
12:00-12:15 p.m.	Evaluations
12:30 p.m.	Lunch — on your own Check-out Time
1:30 p.m.	Depart for Charlotte

Participants

Sisters:

Catherine Barnes	Dorothy McCown
Brenda Boyce	Robenia McCullough
Blanche Caldwell	Ethel McDonald
Lillie Canady	Betty McLaurin
Grace Chambers	Annie Morrow
Phyllis Chapman	Margaret Perry
Laura Ervin	Ethel Person
Jean Grier	Valerie Scott
Elizabeth Hare	Theresa Stewart
Debbie Holland	Clara Stitt
Brenda Jones	Nancy Stroud
Rosemary Lawrence	Lizzie Wallace
Doretha L. Leak	Earlene Watts
Ina Ligon	Pamela Welborn
Stella Mack	Betty Wilkins

Norma Young

THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

The 123rd Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Incorporated and the 41st Annual Session of the State Laymen's Convention convened in Raleigh from October 28-November 1, 1990. The Convention theme was: **"The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship."** It was a theme that was utilized throughout the meeting. The emphasis placed on the importance of the theme motivated the Conventioneers to unite their efforts in order to fulfill the goals and objectives set forth by the Executive Board Members and Representatives.

A soul-stirring sermon was delivered by the Reverend D. R. Jenkins. The Minister chose as his subject "The Gospel." He asked the audience these three questions: "What is the Gospel?" "How must the Gospel be preached?", and "Why preach the Gospel?" It was "preaching at its best" as Reverend Jenkins answered all three questions to the satisfaction of the entire assembly attending that Session. That portion of the program ended with the singing of the powerful hymn: **"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."**

Dr. J. B. Humphrey, the outgoing President, delivered his farewell message. His dynamic leadership and influence were exemplified throughout the Convention. Dr. Humphrey served well for four years and had met "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task in Stewardship" during his period of tenure. The 450,000-member North Carolina

(L-R) Dr. C. Jones, Rev. R. Leak, Rev. A.B. Sutton, and outgoing President, Dr. J.B. Humphrey

General Baptist State Convention passed the gavel to the Reverend W. B. Lewis, pastor of the 800-member First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church.

Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Pastor of Charlotte's Friendship Missionary Baptist Church ran on a peace, unity, and progress platform and was elected as Vice President-at-Large. By virtue of that office, he will serve as chairman of the convention's General Board.

The election of officers was held on the third day of the Convention, October 31. The voting procedures and guidelines were adhered to throughout the election period.

All elected officers were installed by our proficient, out-going President, Dr. Humphrey.

Serving as Messengers for Friendship were the following Missionaries:

Sisters: Jean Grier, Rubie Height, Brenda Jones, Doretha L. Leak, Juanita McClettie, and Artie Phillips.

Also attending as a Messenger was Reverend William H. Height.

Brotherhood

The Friendship Brotherhood is a fellowship of men who are concerned about Christ's call to mission involvement, witness, and ministry. The organization offers men a chance to share with each other on common Christian Objectives. Each man that is a member of the church is automatically a member and it is the desire of the Brotherhood to get each man actively involved.

The Brotherhood usually meets every third Monday and it is announced in the Church bulletin on the preceding Sunday.

Officers (1987-89)

President .....Brother Don White
Vice-President .....Brother Ed Holland
Secretary .....Brother William Davis
Assistant Secretary. .Brother Timothy Boseman

Committee Representatives

Education.....Brother Andrew Ladd
Enlistment .....Brother Randy Lee
Mission-In-Action .....Brother Roosevelt Mask
Music.....Brother Pete Scarborough
Program .....Brother Wilfred Neal
Social.....Brother Claude Mack
Stewardship.....Brother William Davis
Worship .....Brother Willie Milton

Officers (1989-91)

President .....Brother J. Wilfred Neal
Vice-President .....Brother Reginald McAfee
Secretary .....Brother Willie Milton
Assistant Secretary .....Brother Andrew Ladd

Brotherhood
Seated: (L-R) Reginald McAfee, Andrew Ladd, Willie Milton, and J. Wilfred Neal; Standing: (L-R) Claude Mack, Michael Gadsen, Randy Lee, William Davis, and Timothy Boseman

Committee Descriptions

The Brotherhood has official representatives on the various church committees. This gives them the opportunity to actively participate in other church activities as well as to demonstrate that men are having a responsible role in the church. The following are brief descriptions of those committees:

Music Committee

The Music committee has the responsibility of working with the choirs music personnel and pastor to discuss the music program of the church and ways and means of enhancing the worship experience.

Mission-In-Action

This committee is involved with the outreach ministry of the church including Stonewall Jackson Training School, blood donations, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, hot lunches, clothes giveaway and birthday celebrations.

Social

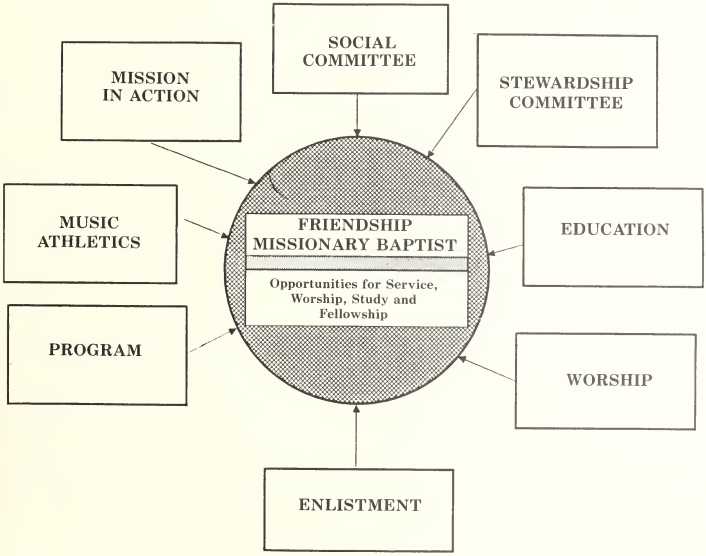
The social committee is involved with coordinating and preparing for activities such as church picnics and banquets.

Education

This committee has the responsibility of defining and coordinating an educational curriculum for the church. This committee is to work closely with the director of Christian Education, the pastor and other designated staff.

Stewardship

The stewardship committee focuses on Christian development through stewardship. Various stewardship topics are discussed and exemplified on special stewardship emphasis Sundays during worship service.



Program

This committee has the responsibility of coordinating all program activities of the church.

Enlistment

The Enlistment committee is responsible for meeting and greeting new members to the Friendship family. The committee also coordinates activities for new members.

Worship

This committee is responsible for coordinating the activities for the worship services.

Description of Activities

Basketball Challenge

Friendship's Youth basketball program is growing. Support is needed from several areas including coaching and practice partners. An excellent form of fellowship would include a regulation game (complete with officials) and a brief function following the game.

Brotherhood Night Out

This new event would put the men and young women together at Crockett Park to see the Charlotte O's compete with another Southern League team. Pre-season tickets can be obtained for $1 each. A purchase of 50 to 60 tickets would ensure our attendance at one of the baseball games.

Deep Sea Fishing

The purpose of this fellowship is to get the men and young men of the church involved in an activity that will build relationships for the two groups. The cost for the participants would be minimal so that participation would be increased. The church would absorb some of the cost.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast

This traditional Brotherhood function is one of two occasions when our organization is very visible. Breakfast is prepared on Easter morning and served immediately after the Easter Sunrise Service. Our cost is minimal.

Girls Softball Program

As a new mission project, this provides the financial as well as the coaching support for a female softball team from one of the Charlotte housing developments. Goals of the project would be to provide a positive role model for the girls as well as give them a recreational outlet.

Men's Day Celebration

This is a traditional event for the men of Friendship when we reflect on our mission as Christian men and become revitalized for the challenges ahead.

Mission-In-Action Emphasis

During the months of November and December the Church Mission-in-Action becomes very involved with the community missions. It is at this particular time that the talents of many are needed. Our charge during this month would be to make ourselves available to the Mission-in-Action Committee and to carry out their objectives.

Mobilization Night/Lock-In

This is an opportunity to get together and discuss a current event topic within the context of the Christian Church.

Oratorical Contest

In conjunction with the Youth Advisory Board and the Coleman W. Kerry Scholarship Committee, we would sponsor an oratorical competition for the young people of Friendship. Outside judges would be used to keep objectivity and winners would receive trophies or plaques and scholarships.

Senior Citizens Mission Assistance

One Saturday in May and November, the Brotherhood assembles to provide whatever physical support our elderly would need. The tasks would include but would not be limited to yard work, e.g., getting firewood, etc.

Stonewall Jackson Fellowship

Our visitation of the Stonewall Jackson Training School is visible evidence of the Brotherhood's commitment to sponsor Cabin #4 at the Training school. Our purpose is to offer ourselves as community support for and to let the young men know that there is another way. Hopefully through our example they will be in a better position to make clear decisions about their future. Our cost for these visits would be spent for food (e.g. hot dogs and soft drinks for summertime fellowships).

Sweetheart Dinner

The purpose of this dinner would be to show our

appreciation for our help mate; it has been suggested that the men prepare this meal for the women.

Westside Road Race

As part of our physical fitness emphasis, preparation for the five kilometers (3.2 miles) race would begin in September. The church Brotherhood would take a leadership role in preparing all members who would like to get ready for the race. This program would work with the Recreation Department in preparing for the road race.

Current Active Roster

Andrews, Ellie J.
Bennett, Tommy R.
Blue, James L.
Bobbitt, Edward
Boseman, Tim
Bragg, Hardy H.
Caldwell, Melvin, Jr.
Calhoun, James E.
Chapman, Charles
Colson, Calvin
Craig, John C.
Davis, Larry
Davis, William
Foster, Clifton
Fox, Edward
Gadson, Michael
Hare, Ronald
Holland, Ed
Hopkins, Louis
Jarrett, Carl
Jordan, Don
Kennedy, Ray
Ladd, Andrew
Lawrence, James
Lee, Randy
Ligon, Robert L.
Lowery, Clarence N.
Lowry, James
Mack, Claude
Maske, Roosevelt
Maxwell, Robert L.
McAfee, Reginald
Milton, Willie
Murray, Robert, Jr.
Neal, J. Wilfred
Person, Robert
Pettiford, Marvin
Redfern, Berry
Richardson, William
Rodgers, Danny
Scarborough, Pete
Terrell, Carl
Thomas, Herbert
White, Don
Wilkins, Thomas

Baptist Young Women

The Baptist Young Women (BYW) was organized during the pastorate of the late Reverend Coleman W. Kerry, Jr. The group was comprised of young women between the ages of 18 and 30 years old. The organization was the youngest missionary group in the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) of the church. Upon reaching the age of 30, the young women were encouraged to move on to the senior department and form sheepfolds.

Through the guidance of Mrs. Marizetta Kerry, the BYW became very active in mission work. Regular visits to community nursing homes to attend to the sick and aged were very much a part of the missionary duties. In addition, the group focused on adolescent females at the church. As a result, they organized "Debutantes for Christ." This program worked with young girls ages 13-16 and through these one-to-one experiences and group workshops, the girls were taught appropriate Christian behavior, sacrificial giving, and were encouraged to read the Bible regularly.

From 1979-80, Sister Sarah Scott served as president. The focus of the organization during this time included work with the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission of North Carolina, the Women's Missionary Union, and the Debutantes for Christ. These same missionary emphases were continued during the presidential tenure of Sister Shirley Roberts, 1980-81; and Sister Ellen Flamer, 1981-82.

In 1983, Sister Valerie Singleton served as president of the Baptist Young Women and the church called the Reverend Dr. Clifford A. Jones to the pastorate. The mission emphasis of the organization grew significantly and included the coordination of the church's blood drive; working with adolescent girls at Girl's Haven (a home for troubled girls). This project continued for approximately 4 years and included some very rewarding experiences for the women and girls.

Sister Wendy E. Ladd became BYW president in 1987. Many of the same mission objectives continued during Sister Ladd's tenure and also included some major changes. The BYW extended its age limit to include women through the age of 35. This was done to further align with age guidelines set forth in the state convention. With the closing of Girl's Haven and a lack of interest in Debutantes for Christ, the BYW began working with girls at the Anita Stroud Center. While

First Row: (L-R) Karen Neal, Pansey Steele, Juliet Grice, Renee McDonald, and Wendy Ladd; Second Row: (L-R) Geneva Huntley, Debra Stowe, Valecia Williams, Valerie Singleton, and Mary Miller; Third Row: (L-R) Marie Rodgers, Linda Stallworth, Peggy Kinsey, and Eunice Gist, Advisor; Fourth Row: (L-R) Allison Bowers, Lynette Frank, Doris Boseman, Tudy Roebuck, and Debra Garner

Debutantes for Christ

modeled after the Debuntantes for Christ, this experience grew to be as rewarding and useful for all. This program was later named "Sisters" to characterize the one-to-one big sister relationship that was fostered. The Baptist Young Women also performed other tasks at the center.

Under Sister Ladd's Leadership, the BYW remained quite busy. Other projects included: participation in the Crestdale project, Adopt-a-family, regular nursing home visits, conducting a workshop for youth on "How to Enter the Job Market," making donations to the Shelter for Battered Women and giving Easter baskets to children in the pediatric unit at the local hospital. Sister Ladd's term as president ended in 1990.

Sister Debra Stowe presently serves as president of the Baptist Young Women. Sister Stowe remains committed to carrying out many of the existing programs as well as exploring others.

The Baptist Young Women take great pride in being a very active missionary group and have given freely of their time, talent, and substance.

Magnolia tree planted in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Youth Department

But Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

Under the leadership of Reverend John Lewis Powell, the Junior Church was organized. From 1933-1947, Sister Lizzie Walker served as President of The Missionary Circle. Sister Beulah J. Perrin was the leader of the Junior Church. Sister Nettie Myrick served as the leader of the Junior Church in 1948 under the leadership of Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Jr.

The Tots Choir was organized by Sister Anita Stroud and her Assistant Sister Theola Brown.

During the 1950's, the Junior Department continued to grow under the leadership of Sister Pearl Cooper. The Supervisors were Sisters Janie Lawhorne, Daisy Ligon, Ola Mills, Mary Walker, Cornelius Quinn, and Lavonia Williams.

Sister Louise Hare served as the Youth Director during the 1960's and Sister Blanche Caldwell as her assistant. Sister Daisy Ligon also worked unselfishly with this group.

The youth were involved in Missions and traveled as delegates throughout the state to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

From 1970-1975, the Junior Young People's Department was supervised by Sister Doretha L. Leak.

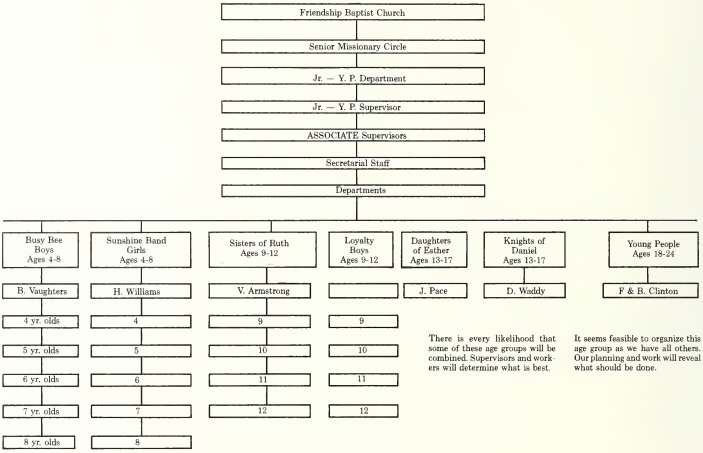
The other officers were:

Associate Supervisor.....Sister Wilma Rushing
Busy Bee .....Sister Beulah Vaughters
Sunshine Band.....Sister Henrietta Williams
Young People...Brother & Sister Freddie Clinton
Knights of Daniel .....Sister Dorothy Waddy
Daughters of Esther .....Sister Joan Pace
Sisters of Ruth .....Sister Vertis Armstrong

Committee members were Sister Annie W. Clay, and Brothers T. L. Johnson, and Thomas Wilkins.

Under this administration, the **first Tutorial Program** was initiated in 1971 by William A. Smith, household chores were done for the elderly by our young people, trips were taken, (Atlanta, etc.), the parking lot was marked, the Magnolia Tree was planted in commemoration of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.;** these are a few of the many accomplishments that took place under Sister Leak's leadership.

Organizational Structure Junior-Young People's Missionary Department 1970-1975



"Always remember that as young people are molded in the Church by people concerned this can't be measured, and someday this teaching will carry them through many trials and problems."

Sister Marizetta Kerry

Junior-Young People's Department 1970-1975 General Aims

1. To teach the fundamentals of Missions to each group on their level.
2. To bring Missions into the everyday lives of children.
3. To educate in Missionary understanding.
4. To study and know conventional program.
5. To lead the child to an early commitment of his life to Christ.
6. To train in Stewardship.
7. To provide for Missionary Training of all the young people of the church by organizing and maintaining a full graded Junior-Young People's Department.
8. To develop habits leading toward Missionary ideas.

Object

The object of the Junior-Young People's Department shall be to enlist and train children and young people to live Christian lives; to study the Bible and other Christian Literature; to engage in Missionary work and, to give to Home and Foreign Missions freely.

Aims

Boys 4-8	Girls 4-8
Boys 9-12	Girls 9-12

The aims of these group ages shall be:

(A) To teach the children Bible stories, to memorize Bible verses and to educate generally in Missionary understanding.

(B) To bring Missions into the everyday lives of these boys and girls.

(C) To lead the child to an early commitment of his life to Christ so that he will spend a whole life in service for Him.

(D) To teach them early to give to missions.

Aims
(Ages: 13-17)

Daughters of Esther and Knights of Daniel

1. To train in Christian service.
2. To study for missionary information.
3. To improve themselves intellectually, morally, and spiritually by rendering unselfish service, by being good stewards for the Lord.

Mottoes:

(Boys) "Daniel Purposed in His Heart that He Would Not Defile Himself."

(Girls) "She hath done what she could."

Quotation:
"To thine ownself be true, and it must follow as night the day, thou canst not then be false to anyone."

Watchword:
"Truth"

Goals:
Spiritual Goal: "A Soul For Christ Each Day" or "To Win The World For Christ."

Financial Goal: "What I Can Do Financially To Help Win The Year's Financial Goal As Set Up By The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina."

Spiritual Goal
Ages 4-8 "Learning and Living The Message of Jesus"
Ages 9-12 Same as above

Financial Goal
"Giving our bit to help win our Financial Goal."

Mission Study Goal
Have children to:
1. Read at least one book on missions during the month.
2. Use the Weekly Lesson in the Missionary Helper.
3. Use the Church Library

Activity Goal:
Plan ahead activities for each month in the year.

Weekly Planning Meetings

Helpful and interesting weekly planning meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Specific purposes for the meeting are:
1. Involve workers in planning the work of the department.
2. Give direction to the work of the department.
3. Seek divine guidance in meeting the needs of people.
4. Provide in-service training for workers.
5. Communicate information about the work of the church and coordinate department plans with church plans.
6. Build spirit and morale among workers.

In 1976, Sister Jean F. Grier was appointed as the youth supervisor by Sister Pearl Cooper.

In 1977, the Youth Department was re-organized by Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Jr., and Sister Grier was appointed as the Youth Director.

The Youth Department consisted of:

Acteens — ages 13-18, Advisors — Sisters Shirley Mills Harris, Brother Thomas and Sister Betty Wilkins

Friends of Jesus — ages 6-9, Advisor — Sister Janet S. Brown

Mission Friends — ages 9-12, Advisor — Sister Jean F. Grier

In the late 1970's and early 1980's, Sister Lena Pickens became the advisor for the Mission Friends and the Friends of Jesus. Sister Dorothy McCown was the advisor for the Acteens in the late 1980's.

Sister Jean F. Grier remained as the Youth Director until 1984. Under the leadership of Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Cynthia McCullough was hired as the Director of the Depart-

ment of Christian Education and Youth, from 1984-1986.

The Youth Advisory Board was formed and Brother Adam Manigo served as the Chairperson and Sister Sandra Caldwell-Williams was the Co-Chairperson.

In 1986, Sister Sandra Caldwell-Williams was appointed as the Youth Director by Pastor Jones, under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Union.

Sister Williams is presently serving in that capacity.

From July of 1987 to September of 1990, Reverend Mildred "Bonnie" Hines served as the Minister of Christian Education and Youth.

Dual Worship Service

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Dual Worship Services were organized in the spring of 1975 under the leadership and blessing of the late Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Jr.

The Primary purposes of Dual Worship Services were to train the children to live Christian lives, to teach them how and when to worship and to study the **Word.** This service provided Worship Service for children, ages 5-11 years.

Sister Jean F. Grier, Chairperson of the Junior Worship Coordinating Commmittee

The director was Sister Jean F. Grier. The Volunteers were: Sister Janet E. Brown, Assistant Director; Sisters Betty Wilkins, and Barbara Waymer, Brother Richmond McIntyre, Deacons Melvin Caldwell, Sr., and Roosevelt Maske, Reverend Fred Gibson, and The Baptist Young Women.

In 1983, under the leadership of our present pastor, Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., the name was changed to the Junior Worship Services. Deacon William Blue was the Chairperson. The Committee Members were Deacons Ed Holland, and Claude Mack, Brother Berry Redfern, and Sister Jean F. Grier.

Sister Cynthia McCullough served as the Director from 1984 to 1986. Reverend Mildred B. Hines served as the Minister of the Junior Worship Service from 1987-1990.

Presently (1991), Junior Worship Services are growing spiritually and members are increasing. Sister Jean F. Grier is the chairperson of the coordinating Committee.

Committee Members are:

Sisters: Cynthia Blackmon
Evelyn Bragg
Jackie Clark
Alkania A. Crosby
Lynette Fox
Brenda Green
Anita Barber-Ingram
Doretha L. Leak
Carolyn Nelson
Lorraine Orr
Noami Scott
Danita W. Terrell
Pam Welborne
Sandra Caldwell-Williams

Brothers: Reginald Blackmon
Charles Chapman
Claude Mack
Odell Robinson
Robert Scott
Carl Terrell

Junior Worship Musicians
1975 — 1990

Sisters: Evelyn Bragg
Charlese Chapman
Constance Evans
Erika Gantt
Anita Ingram
Michelle Jones
Leah Kendrick
Lorraine Orr

Brother: Ronald Maxwell

G. SUNDAY SCHOOL

One of the first organizations of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church was its Sunday School Department, organized in 1890 along with the church. Brother Napoleon Houser served as the first superintendent and held the position until the early 1900's.

Brother John L. Walker was the next superintendent. He was also one of the forty members who pulled out from First Baptist Church. Brother Walker worked hard to continue the stepping stones laid by Brother Houser. With the help of his great missionary wife, Sister Lizzie L. Walker, Brother Walker encouraged many members to come to Sunday School to study the word of **God.**

Brother Zack Alexander, Sr. was the third Superintendent of the Sunday School Department. Brother Alexander organized the "Volunteer Class." He found many elderly people who could not read or write and who were, therefore, reluctant to attend some of the other classes, but who were, in spite of their limitations, comfortable meeting together in the same room.

Brother Gibson Richmond became the next Superintendent. Under his administration, he wanted to continue to help the Sunday School Department to grow and progress. Brother Richmond encouraged more involvement from younger men and women and suggested that they become more active in Sunday School Classes.

When Brother Paul Stowe became Superintendent, he wanted to continue in the footsteps of Brother Richmond by soliciting the help of his Assistant Superintendent Brother Ernest McCree. Brothers Stowe and McCree continued to help encourage more men and women to attend Sunday School. They planned activities in the park so that members could get to know other Sunday School members. Brother Stowe's term as Superintendent ended early. He lost his life at a Fourth of July gathering while trying to rescue his niece from drowning.

Brother John Hemphill was asked to serve as Superintendent. Since Brother Hemphill's administration, Brothers Robert Person, Jr., James Clarke, Herman Rushing, and Melvin D. Caldwell, Sr. have served as Superintendents. For the first time in the History of the Church, Sister Dorothy Waddy was chosen as the first female Superintendent and remains in that position today.

Brother Paul Stowe, Friendship's fifth Sunday School Superintendent

Sister Dorothy Waddy, the first female Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday School Accomplishments

January 1987—September 1990

1. Established a Promotion Month — September — During this month we highlight the Sunday School by using name tags in the class rooms, buttons that say **"I Attend Sunday School,"** appeals to the church congregation; inserts in the bulletins, information in the newsletter.
2. Initiated an outreach project — formed a committee that is responsible for seeing that students are contacted when they are absent from the class for more than two Sundays in a row by either a phone call or card. We feel that by keeping in touch with our membership we will encourage persons to come by letting them know that we are concerned.
3. Sponsored a college outreach — keeping in touch with our students who are away from home through monthly mailings, and quarterly "care packages"
4. Increased the Sunday School budget to be representative of the things that are going on in the Sunday School
5. Focused on training by attending the Mid-Atlantic Sunday School workshop held in the spring, plus additional in-house training
6. Organized Sunday School Retreats
7. Participated in Black History Month Activities
8. Formed Sunday School Program Committees using non-staff persons
9. Started an Easter Egg Hunt
10. Increased Attendance
11. Started annual planning meeting with Sunday School Staff
12. Started using Sunday School Literature written for Blacks with Black Faces instead of white
13. Started using Black Literature for Vacation Bible School

Sunday School Superintendents Past and Present

Brothers:

* Napoleon Houser
* John L. Walker
* Zack Alexander, Sr.
* Gibson H. Richmond
* Paul Stowe / Ernest McCree (Assistant)
* John H. Hemphill

Robert Person, Jr. / James Clarke (Assistant)
James Clarke / * Melvin White (Assistant)
Herman Rushing
Melvin D. Caldwell, Sr.
Dorothy Waddy — First female superintendent

*** Deceased**

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to oversee all of the affairs of the Sunday School Department. Members of the Sunday School and the teaching staff look to the Superintendent and/or the Assistant Superintendent for direction, support, materials, and Christian training.

The Superintendents who preceded our contemporary Superintendents, left a legacy of devotion and dedication to a program that molds young lives and strengthens the lives of the young adults as well as the Seniors.

Sunday School Roster

Brother Melvin D. Caldwell, Sr. — Superintendent Emeritus
Sister Dorothy Waddy ..... Superintendent
Brother Ronald Mattison ..... Assistant Superintendent
Brother William Jones ..... Assistant Superintendent
Sister Patrice Outen ..... Corresponding Secretary
Sister Lorraine Orr ..... Musician
Sister Anita Ingram ..... Musician

Children's Division

Sister Nettie H. Myrick ..... Division Superintendent
Sister Barbara M. Stephens ..... Assistant Division Superintendent

Appendix

Nursery Class

Sister Valerie Scott.....Department Superintendent
Sister Priscilla Burnett.....Assistant
Sister Debbie Holland.....Teacher
Sister Rosa McAfee.....Teacher
Brother Edward Fox.....Teacher
Sister Eleanor Tolliver.....Teacher

Beginners Class

Brother Charles Chapman.....Department Superintendent
Brother Samuel Fleming.....Teacher
Sister Mary Clark.....Assistant Department Superintendent
Sister Karen Neal.....Teacher
Sister Jacqueline Blackwell.....Teacher

Primary I

Sister Cora Massey.....Department Superintendent
Sister Althea Garner.....Teacher
Brother Reginald McAfee.....Teacher
Sister Brenda Lee.....Teacher

Primary II

Sister Barbara M. Stephens.....Teacher
Sister Ellen Flamer.....Teacher
Sister Celia Wilson.....Teacher
Brother Reginald McAfee.....Teacher

Primary Junior

Brother Mack Canady.....Department Superintendent
Sister Yolanda Brannum.....Assistant Superintendent

Primary Junior I

Sister Sandra Caldwell-Williams.....Teacher
Brother Mack Canady.....Teacher

Primary Junior II

Sister Yolanda Brannum.....Teacher
Brother James Lawrence.....Teacher

Youth Division

Brother Robert Scott.....Division Superintendent
Brother James McCray.....Assistant Superintendent

Junior I

Sister Janie Lawhorne.....Department Superintendent

Junior II

Sister Luverta Gilchrist.....Teacher

Junior High

Sister Sarah Sloan.....Department Superintendent

Senior High

Sister Brenda Jones.....Department Superintendent
Brother Calvin Fleming.....Teacher

Adult Division

Sister Maxine McGill.....Division Superintendent
Brother Leonard Smith.....Assistant Superintendent

Teacher Training

Sister Felecia H. Williams.....Group Leader

Volunteer Class

Brother Samuel Perry.....Group Leader
Brother S.T. Foster.....Group Leader
Sister Linnette Fox.....Group Leader

Young Adult I

Brother Lawrence Tolliver.....Advisor
Sister Linnette Fox.....Advisor
Sister Bernice Smith.....Advisor
Sister Minnie Anode.....Advisor
Brother Zeke Haslam.....Advisor
Sister Michelle Jones.....Advisor

Young Adult II

Brother Otis Burnett.....Group Leader
Sister Francine Madrey.....Group Leader
Brother Kenneth Bragg.....Group Leader
Brother Michael Green.....Group Leader
Sister Cheryl Brown.....Group Leader
Sister Carolyn Nelson.....Group Leader

Ladies Bible Class I

Sister Rosemary Lawrence.....Group Leader
Sister Cleola McAdams.....Group Leader

Ladies Bible Class II

Sister Emma Tuck .....Group Leader
Sister Shirley Manigo.....Group Leader
Sister Marizetta Kerry.....Group Leader
Sister Carnella Parker .....Group Leader
Sister Sarah Blackwell .....Group Leader

Coker Hare Men's Bible Class

Brother Adam Manigo .....Group Leader
Sister Selma Burrell .....Group Leader
Brother Ed Holland .....Group Leader

Sick & Shut In

Sister Bessie Cowan

Program Committees

Christmas

Sister Cathy Jones
Sister Crystal Crawford
Sister Michelle Glenn
Sister April Brannum

Children's Day

Sister Betty M. Cooper
Sister Jocelyn Canady
Sister Brenda Green
Sister Joyce Blakeney

Promotion Day/Month

Sister Audrey Robinson
Brother Randy Lee
Brother Steve Wasson

Black History

Sister Gwyn Davis
Sister Pamela Cromartie
Sister Minette Glenn

Easter

Brother Calvin Johnson
Brother Charles Chapman
Sister Barbara M. Stephens
Brother Darryl Canady

Outreach

Sister Carrie W. Gibson
Brother Zeke Haslam
Brother Anthony Jones
Brother Darryl Canady
Sister Doris Boseman
Sister Constance Welch
Sister Betty Bauknight

Social Committee

Sister Danita Terrell
Brother Columbus Copeland
Sister Veronica Dee

H. CHOIRS

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has experienced a rich and diverse tradition of musical excellence which has continued to enhance the worship experience.

On December 16, 1990, the Adult Music Department presented the Centennial Christmas Musical and Mrs. Rosena Hunter Nicholas, a former Minister of Music, presented an historical perspective of music at Friendship, which is printed below:

A BACKWARD GLANCE FROM WHENCE WE HAVE COME . . .

Having been a part of the heritage of the "Friendship Family", its growth, development and prosperity are a vital source of pride to me.

For a few moments, look with me down the corridor of time as we take a backward glance from whence we have come.

Mrs. Rosena Hunter Nicholas

There were, undoubtedly, a great many musicians to pass our way since 1890. The pianists, organists and choir directors who precede my earliest recollections were gleaned from the memory of my dad, Javan Hunter. Prior to 1913, his uncle, John Perrineau Hunter, served as chorister of the choir during the tenure of Pastors G.O. Bullock and G.W. Watkins. John Lewis served during the pastorate of C.C. Adams, and my uncle, Eugene Hunter, with Pastor B.K. Mason.

During those years, the 1920's and 1930's, Friendship also had other instrumentalists who accompanied the choir, namely; George Monroe, clarinet; Clarence Rabb, cornet; Clarkson Springs, trombone; and Javan Hunter, violin. Much later in the 50's, Vernon Steele played his saxophone with the choir.

The list of pianists and organists include; Adelle Thornton, Ogechee Perrin Sasso, Mrs. Hayden, Ruth Powell, Elizabeth Pharr, Margaret Martin, Professor Long of Johnson C. Smith University, Charles McRae, Johnny Ellison, James Ellison, Elizabeth Thompson, and Lonnie Miller. In more recent times; Delores Dewalt, Cornita Chandler, Monet Deans, and Gerado Stroud.

My memories conjure up such nostalgia because they take me back to childhood. Pastor John Lewis Powell gave to me my first hymnal, encouraging me to learn much and to use it well in the church. The year was 1944 and I proudly accepted the challenge at age seven. At age nine, I accompanied the junior choir which was supervised by Mrs. Beulah J. Perrin. Soon afterward, when Charles McRae came, I began playing the congregational hymns with him.

*When Pastor Kerry came in 1948, the membership grew and expanded. An over-flow choir stand was added behind the pulpit to accommodate the growing choir. Such a singing aggregation was Friendship, with eight choirs and a pastor who especially enjoyed singing gospel music; and did so often. I can still hear echoes of "**Something Within**" and "**I Don't Know Why I Have To Cry Sometimes**." We were frequently captivated by the singing of the famed Ministers Trio; Pastors Kerry, Fiddmont, and Burnette.*

With the ever-increasing popularity of gospel music, Pastor Henry C. Burnette directed the concert, honoring the pastor's second anniversary at Friendship in 1950.

Then, there were those "broadcasting years" . . . how fulfilling and meaningful they were. The choir sang every Sunday on WGIV for many years. All of these experiences were great teachers for me. It was through this broadcast ministry that the choir gained its reputation of being one of the best church choirs east of the Mississippi River.

I recall many Sundays when we prerecorded programs two weeks in advance (following morning worship) to improve time management. There were a few Sunday mornings when we did not have enough people to sing and we became quite accustomed to Pastor Kerry rushing the faithful few to the radio station in his car; turning corners on two wheels while we all squirmed in our seats.

By age fifteen, the music leadership had become my full responsibility. Most of my time was spent at church with a steady regimen of rehearsals and services.

The concept of balanced repertory was begun a long time ago. Conscious efforts were made to keep the great hymns of the church, anthems, spirituals, and gospel music in good balance. The level of performance attained by the choirs was not a quick process, but rather, represented accumulative efforts from a continuing struggle through the years for greater improvements through quality singing.

Friendship's musical background was richly established with hard work and deep commitment to service. The members were always faithful and very loyal to their responsibility in rendering that consecrated service, generating greater interest in music as a means of worship and testimony.

*To mention the countless revivals, cantatas, special seasonal programs and regular worship services would only skim the surface of the many activities. We were continually on the move. There were afternoon services or programs **very** frequently; thereby, involving us from the early morning broadcast through the evening worship service.*

There were lean times also, as could well be expected. I can recall very vividly a few Sunday evening services when Pastor Kerry and I sang the hymns as duets; or the few Sunday mornings when choir members were not in full attendance and we were reduced to sextets and octets. However, without those lean times, we could not properly chart our growth nor could we fully appreciate more progressive times which were sure to come.

One of the most impressionable experiences I can remember in that old edifice on Brevard Street is the thirty days of continuing service prior to the demolition of the property. September 1-30, 1963; . . . this was also the commemoration of the 73rd church anniversary. We relived our history through music and drama. The sadness and nostalgia made this event the most poignant of memories.

Our displacement by Urban Renewal in 1963 sent choir members scurrying to a half-dozen different places in order to have a rehearsal. I can still see them gathering at the Lodge Hall on Second Street; the old YMCA on Trade Street; the second floor of the old house behind the Graham Street temporary church office; and Miss Anita Stroud's trailer in the Fairview Homes. All of this movement and confusion did not break the spirits of the choir members at all. Their loyalty and devotion tripled in strength and support. Worship service was held in the auditorium at Northwest Junior High School during the displacement. In spite of the stringent conditions of the seven years without a home, we persevered by the grace of God and He smiled on us.

As a result of our limited space and facilities, we became what might be termed the first "mass choir" in the area . . . not by design, but rather, by necessity. The Lord blessed our efforts mightily for we gained members rather than losing them.

We were very successful and productive during those years, through meaningful and effective worship and recorded concerts. The concerts were not simply performed for the sake of "concertizing," but were a planned part of the church budget, as another resource for debt retirement.

The results of those concerts yielded:
Songs To Live By, *Volume I; Recorded live March 26, 1967 in the auditorium at Northwest Junior High School. This album was dedicated to Pastor Kerry for the inspiration he gave the group.*

Songs To Live By, *Volume II; A live, recorded Easter concert; April 14, 1968 at Northwest Auditorium.*

Having outgrown Miss Anita Stroud's trailer as a rehearsal facility, we moved to my choral classroom at Northwest during the seventh year of our displacement . . . 1969.

Songs To Live By, *Volume III, was recorded live May 4, 1969 at the Northwest Auditorium.*

Friendship Baptist Church Choir after an Easter Concert in 1968

The Third Annual Spring Concert at the Northwest Auditorium, Sunday, May 31, 1970 produced album number four, ***Inspiration And Soul,*** *which was the 81st Anniversary Edition. This album was dedicated to the sainted souls who organized the church; the dedicated and loyal membership who through self-denial and sacrifice erected a house to the glory of God; and to generations unborn who will know we passed this way.*

At the close of the concert, Pastor Kerry asked the audience if they would support our next concert at Park Center. They all applauded the question vigorously, giving consensus to the idea.

The next month, June, 1970, the long wait came to an end; our new home was finally ready for occupancy. We all were so excited! On that glorious Sunday morning in July, 1970, the members and friends entered the building in procession through the narthex and down those aisles into place. There were so many choir members, extra seats were added to accommodate them all. Did not the Spirit of God fill our hearts with gladness and thanksgiving? The struggles and problems of displacement seemed to fade into obscurity . . . we were home!

The long, arduous church reorganization process began, encompassing; unifying all departments. The music department recommended a graded choir system in an effort to update and support a flourishing music ministry.

On Sunday, May 23, 1971, we did present the Fourth Annual Spring Concert at the Charlotte Park Center for the Friendship Choir, featuring the Friendship Youth Choir. This choir, second to none, was very skillfully directed by Mrs. Lonnie Miller. ***Inspiration And Soul,*** *Volume II, was recorded live but never published.*

All of the concerts from 1967 to 1973 were excellent. They all showed the versatility of the choir through its balanced repertory of unusual arrangements of hymns, anthems, spirituals, and gospel music.

I can still hear the voices from yesteryear,
That bring deep reflections and sometimes a tear;
But God, who richly blessed us and brought this fellowship through,
Is worthy of our praises and hearts dedicated anew.

Let the sound go forth and let the world know that the vibrant sound of God's praise and the sound of the gospel sings forth from God's people. Walk on by faith!

During the tenure of these musicians, a tradition of quality music in the Black church worship experience was initiated and set the Friendship Baptist Church on a path that was to be continued by the musicians present today. Recognizing that the needs of our church and congregation are diverse in nature, we strive to offer quality and challenging literature that will meet these needs. In our efforts to reach each worshiper, we sing hymns, anthems, spirituals and gospels, all to the glory of **God.**

In 1973, Mr. Linwood Gerado Stroud became the Minister of Music. The Music Staff consisted of two musicians and the church choir had approximately 38 members. Within a year, membership almost quadrupled to 112 active members. Also during his first year, the Spiritual Choir was reactivated.

Brother Linwood Gerado Stroud, Director of Music Ministries; former Minister of Music

Brother Frank E. Williams, Associate Director of Music Ministries

During the early 1980's the graded choir concept, a goal of our former pastor, Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Jr., was implemented. In addition to the graded choirs, the Handbell Choir, the Ladies Choir, the Male Chorus, and the Early Morning Choir were formed in later years.

Sister Constance Evans will be remembered for the joy that she exhibited as she worked with the Junior Choir until her illness and subsequent death in January of 1991. We will also remember Brother David Oliver, organist and choir director, who remained with us from 1988 until he returned to school to complete his doctoral degree in Organ Music in 1989.

Presently, the Music Staff has grown to nine. There are five choirs that regularly support the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. The Children's Choir, the Youth Choir, and the Handbell Choir support the regular choirs during worship as well as function independently on special occasions.

Some of the Highlights in recent years of the Music Department are:

- A trip to Krefeld, West Germany, Charlotte's sister city, as part of the contingency including governmental officials and the Charlotte Symphony

- Participating in the opening ceremony of the new Charlotte Coliseum

- Receiving a gift of a new grand piano in memory of Dr. C. Warren Williams

• Organizing a city wide music workshop that attracted over 400 persons

• Rendering music for the Martin Luther King/ Statue Dedicatory Services at Covenant Presbyterian Church

• Providing workshop experiences for our choirs with clinicians Robert Fryson, Margaret Doureaux, and Leon Roberts.

The Church Choir has been enthusiastically received in Indianapolis, Indiana; Lynchburg, Virginia; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Hackensack, New Jersey; and Krefeld, West Germany.

The Music Department presently consists of the following organizations and their directors:

Youth Choir.....Sister Janice Davidson
Early Morning Choir .....Sister Joyce Hurd
Adult Handbell Choir
Adult Sunday School Musician .....Sister Anita B. Ingram
Ladies Choir .....Sister Linda McClain
Hymn Choir.....Sister Mary McGill
Primary Choir.....Sister Lorraine Orr
Youth Handbell Choir.....Sister June Smith
Director, Music Ministries
Male Chorus .....Brother L. Gerado Stroud
Associate Director, Music Ministries
Church Choir.....Brother Frank E. Williams

Youth Choirs

Children's Choir
First Row: (L-R) Anita Ingram, Assistant, Lamar Murphy, Keisha Murphy, Danielle Terrell, Tiffany Scott, Devin Stover, Stacey Jones, Kelli Banks, and Lorraine Orr, Director; Second Row: (L-R) Patrice Clark, Michelle Miller, John Miller, Steven Terrell, Calvin Thompson, and Nadja Frazier; Third Row: (L-R) Danielle Gary, Kiana Miller, and Alyson Banks; Fourth Row: (L-R) Christal Clark, LaTonya Clark, and Erika Scott

Youth Choir
First Row: (L-R) Candy Miller, Candice Anderson, Curtis Anderson, Monique Glenn, and Janice Davidson, Director; Second Row: (L-R) Minnette Glenn, Shirma Stover, A. Nicole Frazier, and Mandy Miller; Third Row: (L-R) Michelle Glenn, Demetrius Watson, and Danya Nelson

Youth Handbell Choir
(L-R) Danya Nelson, Nikki Hobson, Tasha Wilkins, Marlena Pickens, LaToya Brannum, Sherron Dowdy, Tasha Stowe, Aerian Miller, A. Nicole Frazier, April Brannum, Sahnia Hobson, Kristen Johnson, and June Smith, Director

I. USHER BOARD

Usher Board
First Row: Seated (L-R) Hattie Leeper, Forest M. Eaves, Mary Henry, Jan McCullough; Second Row: (L-R) Kathleen Hicklin, Vivian Cromartie, Brantly Grier, Sanita Tucker, A. Kristen Johnson, Alex McCullough, Jean Grier, Michelle Austin, Chamberlain Duru, Dollie Watson, Verlean Cromartie; Third Row: (L-R) Hester Walker, Artie Phillips, Lucinda Blackmon, Sarah Davis, Geraldine Freeman, Fannie Roberts, Vi Davis, Barbara Gaines, Barbara Pride, Carolyn Gary, Ann Austin; Fourth Row: (L-R) Eunace B. Blakeney, Glenn Headen, and Phillip Scott Wilson

More than sixty years ago, several dedicated members of Friendship saw a need to organize an Usher Board, a support organization, that would serve to assist the minister and provide for the comfort of visitors as well as the congregation.

In their efforts to find someone to lead the Usher Board, the membership, no doubt, looked for a faithful Christian with leadership qualities. Brother Zack Alexander, Sr. met those qualifications and was elected president of the first organized group of ushers in the church. Brother Alexander with the help of the members, the Pastor, and **Almighty God** laid the foundation on which the Ushers of Friendship currently stand. It was with dignity, pride, and dedication that Brother Zack Alexander, Sr. served. However, records of his presidency are not available, but evidences of his devotion, commitment, and contributions will forever remain in our memories.

The second president of the Board was elected in the early 30's. Brother James Ford, a man of high intellect, spiritual vitality, increased strength, and a deep sense of purpose, will be remembered for his faithful service and extended years of leadership as the second Usher Board President.

Some of Brother Ford's accomplishments, include: organizing an Ushers' Chorus, forming the Young Adult and Junior Ushers, affiliating with the City-wide Ushers' Union, the State Ushers' Conventions, and the National Ushers' Convention, Inc., as well as organizing an Ushers' Financial Aid group to assist the church.

During the years of 1963-1970, the Usher Board experienced the beginning of a great expansion. The interest and enthusiasm in the Board mounted, and the number of ushers increased. Brother Ford made numerous contributions throughout his thirty years as president.

In 1966, Brother Ford's health failed and he was unable to continue his responsibilities as president. He was appointed Advisor to the Ushers, a position Brother Ford held until his death.

Brother Grover Anthony, who was Vice-President became the third president of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Usher Board, working very hard to maintain unity and to encourage

Junior Ushers
First Row: Seated (L-R) LaShunda Pettice, Audra Crenshaw, Briana Murphy, Chiffon Welch, Nichole Welch, Michele Welch, Matika Chisholm; Second Row: (L-R) Jean Grier, Chamberlain Duru, Jason Fleming, Chauncie Crenshaw, Ricky White, Alex McCullough, Neil Nivens, Timmie Lowery, Brantly Grier, Bonnie Marsh, Candi Potts; Third Row: (L-R) Jan McCullough, Luther Fleming, Sammy Fleming, Forest M. Eaves, Minnie Williams

Brother Grover Anthony, third Usher Board president

continuous growth in ushering. While Brother Anthony was in office, there was also, increased participation in usher training. It was Anthony's ability to work cooperatively with people and his ability to unify groups that led to his success as president.

Another very active Vice-President, Brother Fostell McGowan, was elected in 1973 as the fourth president of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Usher Board. He, with other members of the Board, achieved the aims and objectives set forth for the organization. Competent, hard-working, concerned and determined, Brother McGowan realized under his leadership, continued growth and development in membership and an increased interest in becoming affiliated with the Mecklenburg General Baptist Ushers' Auxiliary and the State Ushers' Convention. On a personal note, Brother McGowan knew how to make people feel important by involving them and recognizing their talents. President McGowan served from 1973-1976.

Brother Fostell McGowan, the fourth Usher Board president

Sister Lelar Caldwell, the first female Usher Board president

Sister Lelar Caldwell, the fifth president, was elected by the Friendship Usher Board in 1977. She was the first woman president, who worked laboriously to implement the objectives of the Board and encourage church-wide support for the ushers. Sister Caldwell, a perceptive and representative president, felt that a change in the meeting time for the Usher Board members would enhance the attendance. She presented her suggestion to the group, and they concurred. Consequently the meeting time changed. In addition to that accomplishment, the president saw a need to expand the committees' duties which would provide a stronger support base for the Ushers' Auxiliary and the State Ushers' Convention. Sister Lelar Caldwell remained loyal to and concerned about the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Usher Board. After one year as the President, Sister Caldwell became the state's Vice-President At-Large. On July 30, 1987, after failing health, our fifth president expired.

Brother Forest Eaves, the sixth and eighth Usher Board president

Brother Earl Robinson, the seventh Usher Board president

The sixth President, Forest Eaves accepted the office in 1978, to lead the members of the Usher Board. Ambitious, dedicated, and faithful, he characterized the qualities necessary to be a "Good Usher."

Some of Brother Eaves' noteworthy accomplishments comprise the following: (1) Monthly training sessions with all ushers, (2) Annual delegations to the General Baptist State Conventions' One-Day Session in February, and the three-day session in July, (3) Regular attendance at the Ushers' Auxiliary meetings, (4) The organization of the New Generation Ushers' group, and (5) The hosting of the State Ushers' Convention.

Brother Eaves received high praise and admiration for an outstanding job during his tour of duty as president. The many trophies received from the Mecklenburg General Baptist Ushers' Auxiliary are proof of Brother Eaves' competence. As he often spoke fondly of the ushers and their contributions to the church, Pastor Kerry said, in 1978, "The ushers are most cooperative, dependable, and supportive to the church program." Hats off to President Eaves for his remarkable leadership.

It was in 1985, when Brother Earl Robinson was elected to serve as the seventh president of the Usher Board. Brother Robinson worked very closely with Brother Eaves who served locally as Vice-President At-Large during the seventh president's term in office. There were, however, no significant changes in the Boards' format or agenda amid Brother Robinson's two years in service. Commendations are in order for Brother Earl Robinson for maintaining unity and harmony within the Friendship Baptist Church's Usher Board organization.

Re-elected in 1986 was Brother Forest Eaves, the eighth Usher Board President. He was the first person to be elected President of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Usher Board for the second time. His sense of duty and obligation to the church and to the Usher Board continued. Whenever and wherever he is needed, Brother Eaves is always ready, willing, and able to perform any ushering tasks. In December, 1990, Brother Eaves' term ended. Grateful appreciation to the eighth president for his profound leadership and stewardship.

Ushering is the art of making visitors and members feel comfortable, which affords spiritual dignity to the entire church. It is an honorable responsibility that the Friendship Ushers have assumed and will continue to assume. It is better

stated in **Psalm 84:10: "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand, I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of the wickedness."**

There are many reasons for Friendship to be proud of its ushers and their organization. The Church has a right to boast of the ushers' progress and advancement, their involvement and participation in local, state, and national conventions, and the special services and assistance that they offer when necessary. At Pastor Jones' request a Pastorial Ushers' Assistance Body was formed. Brothers Cleveland Cromartie, Fostell McGowan, Sisters Artie Phillips, and Cynthia Vinson were elected to serve. About five years later, Brother Joe Muse and Sister Minnie Williams replaced Sister Vinson and Brother Cromartie. Continuing to function as **"Hosts for God"** are Brothers McGowan, and Muse, along with Sisters Phillips and Williams.

The Friendship Usher Board is composed of three departments. They are the Senior, Young Adult, and the Junior Usher Boards. Tributers are in order for those ushers who contributed from 20 to 40 years of dedicated service to the Board. Their names will go down in history as some of the most faithful ushers.

Then, there are the deceased members of the Usher Board who will remain in our memories. Homage is due those who worked long, hard, and tirelessly through the years and have passed on from labor to reward.

Ushering will continue to be an integral part of the 21st century church. The spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation will remain high as the ushers pledge to do their share in promoting the work of **God** through the church.

J. SCOUT ORGANIZATIONS

Friendship Scout Troops

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THE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

having made proper application through its duly authorized representatives to carry out the program of the Boy Scouts of America for

CHARACTER BUILDING : AMERICANIZATION : CITIZENSHIP TRAINING

is hereby granted this annual charter subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws and rules and regulations of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America for one year.

Troop

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TROOP COMMITTEE
W. ALEXANDER, CHM'N.

F. H. CROSSY — G. H. RICHMOND — REV. J. N. POWELL

SCOUTMASTER
FREDERICK D. ALEXANDER

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER
LOUIE F. ALEXANDER

The above-mentioned officials, having been duly certified, are officially registered by the National Council to meet the responsibilities of their respective offices in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Boy Scouts of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has caused this charter to be signed by its officers and its corporate seal to be affixed

HONORARY PRESIDENT

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT

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NATIONAL SCOUT COMMISSIONER

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT

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Boy Scouts of America

The Friendship Troop was organized in 1933 with Reverend John Lewis Powell serving as the organizational director. Brother Frederick (Fred) Alexander served as the first Scoutmaster while Brother Louis Alexander served as the Assistant Scoutmaster. It was Brother Zack Alexander, Sr. who was the first Scout Committee Man. Others who served in Scouting as Scoutmasters and Committee Men were:

Brothers:
- Leroy Doe
- Coker Hare
- Hall Morrow
- Clifton Perry
- Herman Rushing
- James Yancey

Presently leading the Troop are Brother R. Morehead who is Scoutmaster and Brother E. Fox who is the Assistant Scoutmaster.

Cub Pack #63

In 1949, Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. organized our Cub Scout Pack. Reverend J. Fiddmont was our first Cubmaster. There were others who did much to promote the efforts of the Scouting program and the development of the young boys in the Cub Pack. Others involved in Cub Scouting were:

Cub Scout Masters	Committee Men
Brothers:	Brothers:
Melvin D. Caldwell, Sr.	Reginald W. Dalton
Samuel Fleming	William A. Ervin, Sr.
Mack McRae	Ronald Hare
Eric Nelson	Tennyson Johnson
Herman Rushing, Sr.	Robert Ligon
David Williams	Wilfred J. Neal
	Berry Redfern
	Levern (Pete) Scarborough
	John Scott
	Herbert Thomas

Den Leader
Brother Melvin Caldwell, Sr.

Den Mothers:
Sisters:
- Katie Ham
- Janie Lawhorne
- Laura Lawhorne
- Lugertha Morris
- Fannie Smith
- Gladys Walker

Now leading our Cub Pack #63 are Cub Masters Luther Murphy and S.J. Forester.

GIRL SCOUTING AT FRIENDSHIP

Girl Scouting at Friendship was revitalized in 1976 through the efforts of the Sheepfold of Ruth. Sisters J. L. Powell, Mary Morrow Walker, and Gladys Albert worked to make this program grow stronger. The program began with two troops and four leaders. Due to community response and

Girl Scout Troop 708
First Row: (L-R) Aretha Wilson, Tracy Brando; Second Row: (L-R) Pamela Cromartie, Tamara Person, and Crystal Chapman; Third Row: (L-R) Katherine Hicklen, Gladys Albert, Elvira Smith, and Mary Wilson—Troop Leaders

acceptance, six troops and ten leaders have emerged. Presently serving the Girl Scouts are Sisters Barbara Ledbetter, President; Carole Gaither, Vice-President; and Rosa L. Scarborough, Secretary.

Many people are familiar with Girl Scouts through the sale of cookies, but Girl Scouting is more than selling cookies. Girl Scouting is learning responsibility, making decisions, planning careers, earning efficiency badges, camping and exploring the out of doors, and making handicrafts.

The scouts take an educationally fun-filled trip each year and participate in numerous community service projects.

Girl Scouts at Friendship have won Outstanding Troop Awards, Operation Success Awards, and have been cited for having the largest and most active troops in our unit. Mecklenburg 3 is comprised of troops from eight area churches in the West Charlotte area.

Involvement in the Scouting program provides the opportunity for the girls to learn, to share, to grow and to become the best persons that they can be. Since Girl Scouting is an international movement established in over one hundred countries, the girls should gain an understanding of and an appreciation for other people and their cultures through this interaction.

Part of the **Girl Scout Promise** that we try to instill in the girls is: **To serve God and help people at all times and live by the Girl Scout Law.**

Girl Scout Leaders

Mary Clark	President
Debbie Holland	Daisy Troop
Rosa Scarborough	Troop 569
Eleanor Tolliver	Troop 599
Mary Wilson	Troop 708
Thelmetia Bynum	Troop 521
Mary Clark	Troop 308

K. AUXILIARY COMMITTEES

The Awards Committee

Awards Committee
(L-R) Nettie H. Myrick, Mary Gill, Charlese Chapman and Florizel Ervin

Pastor Coleman W. Kerry, Jr. often recognized church members for outstanding achievement in the community as well as for dedicated service in the church during regular worship services. He often envisioned a formal banquet to honor deserving persons.

In November, 1979, Pastor Kerry, with the assistance of Charles and Phyllis Chapman (Co-Chairpersons of the Social Committee), organized the Second Mile Awards Banquet, held in the Adult Fellowship Hall at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. The purpose of this affair was to recognize members of the church who had gone beyond the call of duty to support the total church program.

The following year in November, 1980, under the leadership of Pastor Kerry and the Chapmans, another Second Mile Awards Banquet was held at Friendship in the Adult Fellowship Hall. Due to the illness of Pastor Kerry, this was the last awards banquet held during his administration.

The first Awards Committee at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church was organized during the spring of 1984 under the leadership of Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., pastor. The committee consisted of the following members: Clara Mitchell, Chairperson; Mary Gill, Recording Secretary; Donald Bowen, Corresponding Secretary; Lisa Brown, Roger Campbell, Mack Canady, Lisa Fleming,

William K. Hill, Bessie Ledbetter, Daniel McLaurin, Nettie Myrick, and Dorothy Robinson.

The task of the committee was to facilitate a plan whereby members who made outstanding contributions toward the Kingdom of God through Christian service in the community and the Friendship Church Family, could be recognized at an annual awards banquet. The First Annual Banquet was held in November, 1985, at the Holiday Inn Hotel-Heart of Charlotte. The purpose, in the spirit of our **Lord Jesus Christ** was to:

—Express sincere appreciation to members of the Friendship Family for Christian Service.

—Recognize achievement with distinction and special honor in various areas (Church Service, Scholarship, Leadership, Community Service, Athletics and the Arts).

—Honor members of the Church Family where honor is due (Senior Citizens, The Family, youth and members at large).

These categories for recognition were listed: plaques, certificates and group recognition. Plaques were awarded to individuals who were recognized for Outstanding Member of the Year, Outstanding Youth of the Year, Outstanding Achievement, and The Annual NAACP Gallery of Freedom Award for Distinguished Church Service. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to youth for distinguished service in the community, distinguished youth achievement for scholarship, leadership, community service, athletics, and the arts. Group recognitions honored "A" and "B" honor roll students, senior citizens, Sunday School attendance, church organizations, and the Family of the year.

The Second Annual Awards Banquet was held at the Adams Mark Hotel in November, 1986.

In January, 1987, a new awards committee was formed consisting of Mary Gill and Donald Bowen, Co-chairpersons; Lizzie Williams, Secretary; Nicole Bobbitt, Florizel Ervin, Carrie Gibson, Daniel McLaurin, Clara Mitchell, Nettie Myrick, Troy Scarborough, and Lisa Wise. During the administration of this committee, a youth Awards Banquet was held on August 14, 1987, at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Community Enrichment Center. A separate Annual Awards Banquet for adults was held on December 4, 1987, at Johnson C. Smith University in Grimes Lounge.

On November 18, 1988, an Awards Reception was held at FDY Banquet Facilities. This combined reception recognized youth and adults.

The Sixth Annual Awards Banquet convened at Johnson C. Smith University — Grimes Lounge on November 18, 1989 under the leadership of Mary Gill, Chairperson; and Bertha Pettiford. Other members included Lizzie Williams, Secretary; Charlese Chapman, Assistant Secretary; Florizel Ervin, Clara Mitchell, Nettie Myrick, Calvin Colson, and Gregg Morris.

The Centennial Awards Banquet was held at the Charlotte Apparel Center Saturday, November 17, 1990. (See Chapter VIII, November 1990.)

The Black History Committee

The Black History Committee began in February, 1986 with a mandate from Pastor Jones to program activities and provide information about African American heritage and culture for the church membership. The small group of charter committee members — Sisters Shirley Borders, Chairperson, Henrietta Giles, and Alicia McCullough — took the charge to heart and began

Black History Committee
Front Row: (L-R) Eleanor Tolliver, and Alicia McCullough; Second Row: (L-R) Maxine McGill, Michael Covington and Gloria Hailey Hunte

planning and implementing exciting and informative cultural activities.

During the first year, the committee programmed several "How-To" seminars dealing with, for example, cake baking, cooking soul food from scratch, quilting, sewing, and many other skills. This was an attempt to recapture the skills and talents of our ancestors and pass them on. A Soul Food Cookbook and a church Business Directory were also compiled and published by the committee during its early existence.

During the month of February, programming has included lectures by African-American historians on Africa, as well as African-American history. These historians, well respected in their field, have included men such as Mr. Anthony Browder, a cultural historian and Egyptologist from Washington, D.C. and Dr. Mario Azevedo, an African Historian and chairperson of the Afro-American Studies Department at the University of N.C. at Charlotte.

Other activities have included a book fair, featuring fiction and non-fiction by and about African-Americans for adult reading, as well as for children. Thus, the church membership has had an opportunity, at least annually, to build their personal libraries with materials about our culture and heritage.

Forums on topics ranging from racism to education for Black youth have been sponsored by the committee periodically. For the children, there have been storytellers specializing in the animal tales which teach moral lessons. The committee initiated the idea of dressing each Sunday in February according to designated historical periods — e.g., pre-colonial Africa, slavery, early 20th century — in homage to our ancestors and in deference to their struggle against and survival in spite of years of oppression.

Literature and the arts have been highlighted with the sponsorship, for example, of the Afro-American Children's Theatre, which has staged such original productions as "Rameses the Great" and "When I Think of Harlem." Also, the Friendship Players have often brought Black theatre to the membership during Black History Month.

There have been numerous other activities such as a Senior Citizens' Valentine's Party with a Black history emphasis, a series of five classes on the history of slavery, soul food dinners, Black college choir concerts, and the list goes on.

Presently, the committee of fourteen plans to re-double its efforts and program activities throughout the year so as to celebrate and inform the membership about African-American culture on a continuing basis. The current committee members include the following:

Alicia McCullough, Chairperson
Eleanor Tolliver, Co-Chairperson
Maxine McGill, Recorder
Michael Covington
B.E. Noel
Karen Rushing
Kim Lumpkin
Stephaney Crawford
Emma Tuck
Claudine Bynum
Regina Brandon
Don Lewis
John Howard
Bonnie Nicholas

The Evangelistic Committee

(L-R) Marie Rodgers, William Davis and Charlie Mae Davis

The Evangelistic Committee was formed by Pastor Clifford A. Jones in 1985. At that time, the committee was responsible for promoting Revival Week and Holy Week using special appeals, flyers, church bulletins, and other notices. The committee enlisted the participation of various church organizations to lead the devotional period during Revival.

The first committee chairperson was Sister Ella Scarborough. The goal of the committee for 1991 is to begin work on its long range project, the creation of a handbook on the subject of Evangelism. The committee will work closely with Pastor Jones in this effort.

Committee members for 1991 are:

Sister Rosemary Lawrence, Chairperson
Sister Charlie Mae Davis
Brother William Davis
Brother James Lawrence, Jr.
Brother Danny Rodgers
Sister Marie Rodgers
Sister Ella Scarborough
Brother Pete Scarborough

The Nominating Committee

(L-R) Burnette Freeman, Vertis Armstrong, E. Jane Lightner, Lauretta Chisolm, and seated, Virginia M. Walker

The Nominating Committee was organized under the direction of Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr., at that time, the committee members were taken from within the Enlistment Committee. If that were not possible, then each organization was asked to appoint its representative.

In 1984, under the leadership of Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr., each auxiliary, department, and group was asked to submit the names of officers for the year. This list of Presidents, Chairpersons, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Committee Representatives was presented for adoption at the Annual Church Conference. Each organization was admonished to give prayerful consideration to the persons nominated, as there was and is today a great deal of work and responsibility involved in holding a position at Friendship.

The following operational procedures are still in effect today:

(1) Call a meeting (President/Chairperson) with a two week notice, announcing the nomination period.
(2) Give the time and place (preferably the church) of the meeting.
(3) Explain the procedures to be followed.
(4) Open the floor for nominations; if the current President is under consideration for re-election, someone else should chair this segment of the meeting.
(5) Have a motion made and seconded on the proposed names and then carry the vote calling for those in favor and those who oppose.
(6) Submit these names with their addresses and telephone numbers to the Church Nominating Committee Chairperson by a given date.
(7) Make sure all positions are filled.

The Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee

The Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee was first established by Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. in response to increasing personnel concerns for staff employed by the church. Formerly, many of the responsibilities of the church were performed by the Pastor and volunteers, which eliminated the need for concern about employment practices, fair compensation, grievance procedures, and other concerns.

The number of staff employed by Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has increased steadily over the years. As an example, when the Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee was formed, such positions as Associate Ministers, Director of Youth and Christian Education, and a Church Administrator were listed merely as goals the Pastor envisioned for achievement within the next ten years. And now, just a few years hence, these positions have already been created and filled. The increase in personnel and the disproportionate amount of time the Pastor was increasingly giving to personnel concerns helped establish the need for a personnel committee, which would serve in an advisory capacity to help recommend policies and procedures. The work of this committee was to help provide an optimal work environment for the staff, while also meeting the growing needs of the church; hence, the establishment of the Policies and Personnel Committee.

Role of Committee. The Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor who is the chief administrator in all matters of personnel management policies, and procedures. It is not a policy-making committee, and it has no responsibility with respect to hiring, supervision, evaluation, or termination of the church staff. The committee's involvement with the staff, which occurs only as directed by the Pastor, is limited to the handling of employee grievances, or as directed by the General Board of the church in the absence of the Pastor (e.g., when he is on extended leave or when the Pastor's position is vacant).

Purpose and Duties. The purposes and duties of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee are as follows:

1. To study and recommend to the Chief Administrative Officer the need for the establishment of new staff positions and the nature and/or perceived role of such positions;

2. To prepare and update position descriptions and the organizational chart of the church, consistent with the changing needs and goals of the church;

3. To participate in the screening and interviewing process for prospective employees as requested by the Chief Administrative Officer;

4. To develop and recommend appropriate salary ranges for each position, based on (a) an analysis of the duties and responsibilities of the position, and (b) current salaries/benefits paid for comparable positions in other organizations;

5. To develop and recommend employment policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, absenteeism, vacation and sick leave, work hours, and fringe benefits;

6. To serve as the church's grievance committee in matters regarding personnel;

7. To develop evaluation forms and to review, with the Chief Administrative Officer, on an annual basis the overall performance of all personnel, including the Pastor. (Note: as of 1990, the committee no longer reviews staff performance and evaluations.); and

8. To determine with the Chief Administrative Officer a reasonable range for annual salary increases and make a recommendation for inclusion of such increases in the church's annual operating budget.

Structure of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee. The chairperson of the committee is appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer, or Pastor. The chairperson's appointment is for one year, although he or she may be reappointed for a maximum of three consecutive one-year terms. The chairperson and Pastor appoint committee members, whose terms are for one year but may be extended on a year-to-year basis. The chairperson may appoint chairs of sub-committees, who have the authority to appoint individuals to serve as Vice Chairpersons and Secretary of the sub-committees. The secretary is

responsible for accurate recording of all minutes, for forwarding copies of same to the Pastor within fourteen days after the conclusion of each meeting, and for notifying members of subsequent meetings.

Operational Procedures. All requests for funds to carry out the work of the committee are to be made via a voucher available from the financial officer (now church administrator). All vouchers must bear the signature of the chairperson and should be submitted at least fourteen days before the date funds are desired.

Members. The first members appointed to the committee are as follows:

Robert Person, Chairperson	William Pickens
Bettye McLaurin	Edwin Holland
Yvonne M. Evans	Priscilla Burnett
Dudley Cunningham	

Brother Person served as the first chairperson of the committee, followed by Francine G. Madrey in 1986 and Priscilla Burnett in 1989. The committee is presently comprised of Robert Person, Bettye McLaurin, Ann Harris, Gwen Tweedy, Priscilla Burnett, Bill Pickens, Ed Holland, Yvonne M. Evans, Gladys Walker, and Francine G. Madrey.

Accomplishments. The Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee has developed an extensive policies and procedures manual; created and revised job descriptions; prepared a staff evaluation form for use in the annual evaluation of employees; established salary ranges for selected positions; handled staff grievances; and assisted the Pastor in identifying responsibilities which could most appropriately be performed by the church administrator, thus freeing the Pastor to meet other needed pastoral obligations. Until 1989, the Committee also conducted the Pastor's annual performance evaluation.

The Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee was organized in 1985 under the direction of Pastor Cifford A. Jones, Sr. The original Co-Chairpersons were Sister Karyn Chalmers and Brother Tolly Kennon.

Friendship Informer Newsletter
Publicity Committee
(L-R) Tolly Kennon and Shirley Borders; Standing: Phyllis Chapman

Scott Cutlip and Allen Center in **Effective Public Relations** stated that public relations, "is planned effort to influence opinion through good character and responsible performance, based upon mutually satisfactory two-way communication." It is clear from this definition that the expected final result is to influence opinion. This will be accomplished through **planned effort, good character** and **responsible performance.** This understanding of public relations is much broader than the conventional definition of two decades ago — "doing good and telling people about it." Public relations is the process of sharing information to a specific public, analyzing feedback and communicating with that public for the most effective results.

Purpose

The purpose of the Public Relations Department of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is to:

- analyze the information shared within the church and from the church to the community. Question: Are printed materials saying what we want to say to specific audiences?
- recommend ways to share information within the church and community.
- evaluate and upgrade the church bulletin and church newsletter.
- prepare bulletin covers for special emphasis programs such as Black History Month, Revival, Older Americans Observance, Youth Observance . . . etc.
- develop the format for the annual church proposal (color of paper, cover sheet design, arrangement of material).

Other Considerations

- prepare bulletin boards
- publicize church-related workshops and seminars
- develop a junior journalism group, and have a writing contest
- develop slide presentation of Friendship and the community
- inform the church of the community
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- have periodic profile efforts for the church staff, church organizations, individual profiles, the cradle roll department; day care center; scholarship fund, credit union, the pastor, the youth . . . etc.
- plan special radio and television presentations; example — a 30 second Christmas Affirmation; a special hour Easter program . . . etc.
- heighten the awareness of the church in its mission emphasis — in the community, the state of North Carolina, the United States and abroad.

Structure

The department chairperson shall be appointed by the Pastor. All committee chairpersons and members shall be mutually agreed upon by the pastor and department chairperson on a yearly basis. The chairperson(s) will serve at least one year, and not more than three years. However, before committees are appointed, every effort is to be made to utilize presently established committees.

All minutes are to be recorded and a copy given to the Pastor seven days after the meeting.

In the Church Proposal, the list of committees and areas of interest in this department are: Photographic Committee, Newspaper, Radio, and TV Advertisement, Brochures and Pamphlets of church personalities and events, Ads, Bulletin Board Committee, Church Bulletin, Hotel Directory, and Church Newsletter.

The original members included:

Brother Tolly A. Kennon, Jr., Chairperson
Sister Shirley Borders, Co-Chairperson
Sister Marcia Hines, Secretary
Sister Henrietta Giles, Assistant Secretary
Sister Catherine Anderson
Sister Karyn Chalmers
Sister Rose Clay
Sister Rubie Height
Sister Maria Hines
Sister Renita Hines
Brother Edmond Ingram
Sister Lynn Kincaid
Sister Bessie Ledbetter
Sister Brenda Porter
Sister Dorothy Robinson
Brother David Scott
Sister Bernice Smith
Sister Felecia Williams
Brother Johnny Williams

The present members include:

Brother Tolly Kennon, Jr., Chairperson
Sister Shirley Borders, Co-Chairperson
Brother Edmond Ingram
Sister Dorothy Robinson
Sister Bernice Smith
Sister Felecia Williams
Brother Johnny Williams

Appendix

The Nurses Guild

Nurses Guild 1963
(L-R) Mrs. Brice Robinson, Mrs. Francis Johnston, Mrs. Annie Neal, Miss Gulia Hatten, Mrs. Sadie Covington; seated: (L-R) President, Mrs. Georgia Gaddy, Mrs. Lorraine Potts, Mrs. Mary C. James, Mrs. Johnnie Oliphant

Nurses Guild 1990
First Row: (L-R) Ruth White, Bessie Cowan, Daisy Dixon; Second Row: (L-R) Gulia Mobley, Danita Terrell

The Nurses Guild was organized at Friendship Baptist Church in 1953. Sister Sadie Covington saw the need for an organization which could render first-aid to the sick in the church.

From Brevard Street to Beatties Ford Road, the Nurses Guild has continued to serve the church and community in a tireless manner.

The current officers are Sisters Gulia H. Mobley, President Emeritus; Danita Terrell, President; Pam Grier, Secretary, and Mattie Thomas, Assistant Secretary. Other faithful members are Sisters Ruth White, Bessie Cowan, and Daisy Dixon.

The Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee organized under the leadership of Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr., has three objectives relative to tithing which are to:

a.) Make tithing more meaningful by emphasizing the **Holy** written word.
b.) Make use of pamphlets, newsletters, Sunday bulletins, personal testimonies, and visual aids.
c.) Seek Christian talent, time, and resources of **God's** work.

Stewardship Committee
First Row: (L-R) Marizetta Kerry, Sarah Sloan, Laura H. Ervin; Second Row: (L-R) Thomas Wilkins, Robert Maxwell, Pete Scarborough, and Mary Henry

The Scripture Basis For The Tithe

PURPOSE: To show that in the Christian Scriptures there is a basis for the Tithe as the minimum of a Christian's Obligation to the **Kingdom of Christ.**

I. "The Spiritual Significance of Stewardship"

A. Jesus and Money

Ministers today are often criticized for mentioning money in the Pulpit. Yet, this was the theme, or in some way entered into the majority of the Sermons and Addresses of **Jesus.**

It is asserted that one verse of every six in Matthews, Mark, and Luke is on this subject. Sixteen of Jesus' thirty-eight parables deal with the right or wrong use of money.

B. Stewardship Means More Than Money
1. Stewardship of Time
2. Stewardship of Abilities
3. Stewards — Entrusted with Sharing the Gospel
4. What Stewardship Does —
   a. Builds A Christian Life
   b. Builds A Strong Church
   c. Develops Our Heritage
   d. Practices Obedience
   e. Helps to Build The Kingdom Of **God** On Earth

II. Money Has A Spiritual Value

A. Spirituality and Money

Someone has well said, "The money that belongs by every right to **God,** but is kept back from him by **His** people, is probably the greatest hindrance to vital spirituality that there is in the world today."

To cheat a man out of a dollar is to rob him of more than a dollar. It robs him of your friendship. The same principle holds true in our relationship with God.

B. Personality and Money

With some, money is "Cold Cash" or "Filthy Lucre." Money is more than this. It is the energy of the body and brain transformed into currency. It is "Liquid Personality." It represents life.

If I go to a farm, a store, or a shop and sell my labor and get a twenty dollar bill for a days work, what is this piece of currency? It represents a day of my life. It I give it to the advancement of the **Kingdom of God,** I have given a day of my life to the **Kingdom of God.**

Money represents life reduced to dollars and cents. It has a spiritual value.

III. Giving is a Spiritual Exercise

A. Substance and Self

There is a very close relation between the giving of self and substance. The giving of substance, or money, is the same unless there is a difference in degree. "The Deep Poverty" of the Macedonians "Abounded unto the Riches of their liberality." Paul says, "Because first they gave their own selves unto the Lord." II Cor. 8:1-5

B. The Altar Central in Worship

From the very dawn of human history, the offering at the Altar was the central act of worship, the Supreme Religious Experience centered here even from the days of Cain and Abel to the **Cross of Calvary.** The way of the disciple is not different from that of His **Lord.** Yet, in many a church and in the private thinking of many a disciple, the offering has been completely divorced from the worship.
What is the difference between an offering and a collection?

C. Material Tokens of Love

When man first gathered the fruits of the field, orchard and herd, and saw that but for these gifts of **God** he could not live, he built an Altar and brought some material token of his acknowledgement of **God's** goodness.

Would it have been more spiritual had he come with songs and words only? Songs and words may be used in worship, but love demands something more.

D. The Human Lover

Where there is love there are gifts.

In our churches today are many who profess to love **God,** but who give little or nothing for the extension of **His Kingdom.**

"One may give without loving, but one cannot love without giving."

IV. Teaching or Preaching Stewardship

A. A Spiritual Ministry

This is true not only because it secures the means for the advancement of the **Kingdom of God,** but because of the spiritual effect it has on the lives of the people of **God.**

We have often left the boys and girls out of the Stewardship Program of the church because we felt they did not have much to give.

Jesus said, "Where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also."

Unnumbered thousands of church members do not have their hearts in the church because their treasure is not there. Our main objective in teaching Stewardship should be, not the treasures of our people, but their hearts. We were after the treasure rather than the heart. Consequently, we lost both.

If the boys and girls of a generation ago had been taught the Doctrine of Christian Stewardship, we might have Evangelized the world in this generation. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and he will not depart from it when he is old."

Stewardship Necessities:
A. Faith
B. Prayer
C. Personal Dedication
D. Able Leadership
E. Good Planning
F. Consistent Work
G. Adequate Materials

"Showing Others The Way"
1. Through Service
2. Through The Giving Of Our Time
3. Through The Giving Of Our Possessions
4. Through The Use Of Our Talents
5. Through Our Witness To Truth
6. Through Our Prayer Life
7. Through Our Interest In Others

The Enlistment Committee

A Guideline for Membership

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church endeavors to enlist persons from the community to become active members of the church. An opportunity is extended for persons to accept **Jesus Christ** as their personal **Saviour,** to be baptized in the water in the name of the **Father, Son,** and **Holy Spirit** and to become a member of Friendship.

We feel this is a privilege, opportunity and responsibility. As fellow disciples, (1) it is our (Church Family's) responsibility to teach you about **Jesus Christ,** about (2) being a Missionary Baptist, and (3) about having a productive Christian experience.

The purpose of this committee (Enlistment/New Membership) is to assist you in your spiritual understanding and growth. We take this task seriously; it is our belief that you will be more efficient and effective as a disciple and member if

Enlistment Committee
First Row: (L-R) Barbara M. Stephens, E. Jane Lightner, Ora L. Blakeney, and Daisy R. Walker; Second Row: (L-R) William McDonald, Otis Morris, Sarah Davis, Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Pastor, and Danita Terrell

you are aware of your privileges and responsibilities. These next six to ten weeks will be devoted to this process.

After you have completed these sessions, you will be recommended to become a member of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. During this interim period, however, you will be accorded all the privileges of membership except the privilege to vote on church issues. But, let me emphasize that you will become a member in good standing after your training schedule is completed.

These sessions will be held each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. which is our regular Church School time. This new membership class is part of our total educational program. Each class has a specific purpose, that being to acquaint you with (1) the Bible, (2) the meaning of being a Christian, (3) the purpose of baptism, (4) the function of the **Holy Spirit,** (5) the responsibility of stewardship, (6) the Friendship Baptist Church Family, (7) the community of Charlotte and its resources, (8 the Conventions and Associations, and (9 your responsibilities as a member of the church.

Procedures:

(1.) The candidate is asked to complete an application for membership.

a.) The Enlistment Secretary will keep the application on file, primarily for follow-up during training.

b.) The candidate is to be informed of church procedures at the initial meeting.

c.) Persons affiliating with Friendship from other Charlotte-Mecklenburg churches, need a letter, which the pastor's secretary will request.

(2.) The training session will begin the next Sunday after the application is completed.

a.) The applications will be kept by the pastor's secretary.

b.) The Enlistment Secretary is to keep a roster and roll of the date the applicants begin and end the sessions.

(3.) After the training sessions are completed, the applications are given to the membership coordinator on Wednesday, prior to the Fourth Sunday of each month.

a.) Membership packets and certificates are prepared, including a card of the Deacon Family Ministry and financial envelopes.

b.) The church clerk will then place these names on the church membership roster.

c.) Finally, the applications will be destroyed, and names and addresses will appear in the church bulletin.

(4.) On the Fourth Sunday of each month, persons completing, all requirements are presented to the church family for acceptance as members. Alternately, the Church Clerk and secretary of the Enlistment Committee will make the presentations.

(5.) Every six months, there will be a fellowship follow-up meeting in June of each year. There will also be an Annual Membership meeting in January of each year for all of the members who joined the previous year. All auxiliary presidents and members of the Deacons' Council, Trustee's Council, and Finance Committee are invited.

The New Members' Class

"The doors of the church are now open. If you have not had an encounter with the **Lord,** then you need to cast your lot with **Him** today. If you are without a church home, and don't know **Jesus,** then you need to get up out of that seat, walk down the aisle, give me your hand, but give **God** your heart; man, woman, boy or girl, you can join by baptism, Christian experience, by letter or restoration, and if you don't want to stay here, we'll send you where you want to go."

Those were the words of Pastor Kerry each Sunday as he would open the doors of the church. As persons would come, he would say, "Do you acknowledge **Jesus Christ** as your **Lord** and **Savior?** Do you believe that **He** lived, died, was resurrected and now sitteth on the right hand of the **Father** making intercession for you and me? Are you willing to be governed by the rules and regulations of this church? This brother/sister, (boy/girl) desires to join this church by (baptism/letter/Christian experience/restoration). Are you ready to vote?" Usually a deacon would get up and say, "Brother Pastor, I move that we accept this brother/sister by (mode of joining);" it would be seconded by several persons, and carried. The church clerk would get additional information, and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church continued to grow in numbers. Pastor Kerry was not pleased, because we were not growing in knowledge; he was very much disturbed because we were asking persons if they were willing to be governed by the rules and regulations of the church, when they didn't even know what they were.

He suggested forming a new members' class, where persons joining the church would be instructed in the rules and regulations, organizational structure, conventions and associations, and the history of Friendship. This new members' class would be coordinated by the Enlistment Committee. After many discussions with the Board of Deacons and after the completion of the 8 basic committee structures, Pastor Kerry appointed Brother Melvin White, Chairman of the Enlistment Committee, Brother William McDonald, Vice-Chairman, Sister Marizetta Kerry, Instructor and Brother Matthew Evans, Assistant Instructor. There were 4 required classes, before presentation to the church by Sister Elizabeth Hutchison, Church Clerk.

We were saddened by the sudden passing of Brother Melvin White in 1978, whereupon Brother William McDonald was appointed chairman of the Enlistment Committee.

We were again saddened by the passing of Pastor Kerry in 1981, but the Enlistment Committee continued to work even harder to make sure that this part of the great mission was carried forward until the **Lord** in **His** own time would send us another spiritual leader.

Our joy was rekindled in 1983, when Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. was called to pastor Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

He immediately picked up the torch and visualized that the New Members' Class needed expansion into other areas of Biblical instruction.

He began to write new class materials and extended the instructional period to 8 sessions.

The diverse, theological, and sometimes complex background of some of the class material that Pastor Jones had written necessitated that he teach this material.

Other instructors added as time progressed were Rev. William Height, Rev. Mildred "Bonnie" Hines, Brother Linwood Howard, Sister Yolunda Brandon, and Brother William McDonald, with Sister Daisy Scott and Sister Zelma Young as Enlistment and New Members Class Coordinators.

At present, our New Members' Coordinators are our church clerk and assistant church clerk, Sisters Barbara Stephens and Daisy Walker, respectively.

The Rotating Classes taught are:

The Sacrament (Communion, i.e., The Lord's Supper)
The Meaning of Being a Christian
The Meaning of Repentance and Baptism
The Function of The Holy Spirit
Techniques in Understanding and Studying The Bible
Stewardship and Tithing
Church History and Structure
Baptist History and Doctrine (Conventions and Associations)
Friendship Church Systemics

These study areas are provided to enhance the knowledge and awareness of the responsibilities of a Christian Baptist. We take seriously the command of our **Lord** which says, **"Teach them to observe all things."** It is our experience that an informed, equipped Christian is able to witness and worship in a more excellent way; that is why these sessions are a prerequisite for becoming a Bonafide Member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

Since the inception of the New Members' Class in 1976, we have processed and retained well over 1000 New Converts. For this we are thankful.

The Marriage Enrichment Group (MEG)

The Marriage Enrichment Group
Seated: (L-R) Cassandra Bobbitt, Bernice Smith, Gwendolyn Taylor, Thalistine Morris, and Angela Evans; Standing: (L-R) Edward Bobbitt, Leonard Smith, Claude Mack, Michael Evans, Gregory Morris, Walter Taylor, Jr., and Robert Scott

The Marriage Enrichment Group (MEG) was formed in 1985 under the leadership of Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. The purpose of the group is to promote Christian fellowship and cultural education in a family-oriented environment. The group's name, Marriage Enrichment Group, spawned out of its first retreat in 1985 known as "The Marriage Enrichment Retreat."

In 1988 Reverend William H. Height was appointed by Dr. Jones as Minister of Marriage Enrichment and Recreation. With Reverend Height serving as the group's Spiritual Advisor, the group adopted the acronym "MEG" and the theme, "Friendship Families United for the Cause of Christ." MEG sponsors annual retreats to strengthen relationships through communication, discussions/workshops and Christian fellowship and worship. MEG's 1990 retreat was held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina with 25 couples participating — the largest group yet. It also conducts regular workshops and lectures.

In 1990 MEG sponsored a unique and enriching forum with ten African and African-American physicians practicing in areas from heart surgery to adolescent psychiatry and pediatrics. Each discussed his/her field of medicine and shared information on preventive maintenance and health care in the 1990's.

MEG's largest annual project is the "Afro-American Art Expo, first held in 1989. The expo showcases Afro-American artists, galleries and vendors from throughout the east coast to promote Afro-American culture through the arts in a free and open environment. Located on the church lawn, the 1990 expo hosted 25 participants. In lieu of a registration fee, each participant donates a piece from his/her collection to Friendship's "Hall of the Arts," founded by MEG in 1989. Presently more than 35 original paintings and artifacts, prints and books are owned by Friendship through the Hall of the Arts, located in the church and enrichment center. The expo is held the first Saturday in June and is growing each year in attendance and participation.

MEG's Vision For the 1990's: to sponsor an outreach program targeting and cultivating young Afro-American males and females, beginning with a community-wide forum and continuing with 6-week sessions to teach children about Christianity, African-American culture/heritage, etiquette, and self esteem.

MEG and its Minister of Marriage Enrichment, Reverend Height, can be considered "pioneers." Because of Pastor Jones' vision, this is the first group of its kind in Charlotte, North Carolina; and the expo is the only church-sponsored outdoor art expo of its kind in the country. For that MEG gives **God** the praise.

MEG is open to all married couples in the church and community.

Marriage Enrichment Group Officers
Reverend William H. Height, Spiritual Advisor
Sister Rubie Britt Height
Sister Sharon Brandon, Chairperson, Social Committee

The Security Committee

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Security Committee was organized in January, 1984 by the church Pastor, Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

Pastor Jones appointed as chairperson Brother Rudolph Torrence and as secretary, Sister Mary Ann Craig.

Approximately 30 Volunteers from the church were recruited. Both males and females were sought to work with the committee.

Brother Torrence appointed four group leaders:

Group-1 Brother James Blue
Group-2 Brother Willie Barksdale
Group-3 Brother William A. McCullough, Jr.
Group-4 Brother Robert Phillips

Church Security Committee
Seated: (L-R) Mary Ann Craig and Mary Wilson; First Row: (L-R) Kenneth Willins, Stanford Withers, Treneto McMurray, Charles Chapman, Milton Gaines, and William McCullough; Second Row: (L-R) Odell Robinson, Elmer Love, and Forest Eaves

Each group consisted of four to six members and was on duty for one month during regular Church Services and any special events that were held at the church during that month (i.e. Revival, Call to Prayer and/or any meetings or Choir Rehearsals).

Group-1 Leader
Brother James Blue
Brother Doug Cunningham
Brother Frederick Warren
Brother David Scott
Brother Edwin Holland
Brother Clarence Lowery
Sister Mary C. Wilson

Group-2 Leader
Brother Willie Barksdale
Brother Charles Clark
Brother Carl L. Bailey
Brother Herman Rushing
Brother Walter Kennedy
Brother Elmer Love

Group-3 Leader
Brother William A. McCullough, Jr.
Sister Minnie Mitchell
Brother Willie Miller
Brother Andrew Davis
Brother Joe Johnson
Brother Warren Smith
Brother William Ervin
Sister Vivian Thompson

Group-4 Leader
Brother Robert Phillips
Brother Cole B. Steele
Sister Annette Vaughters
Brother Johnny Stoutamire
Brother James Lawrence
Brother James R. McCullough
Sister Robin Hicklin

The Security Committee was inactive from January, 1986 to June, 1990.

Currently, the Security Committee Chairperson is Brother William A. McCullough, Jr.; with the Co-Chairperson being Brother Milton S. Gaines; Secretary, Sister Mary Ann Craig; and Assistant Secretary, Sister Mary C. Wilson.

Members are as follows:

Group-1 Leader
Brother Odell Robinson
Brother Herman Rushing
Brother Richard Williams
Brother Thomas Brown

Group-2 Leader
Brother Elmer Love
Brother Kenneth Willins
Brother James Lawrence
Brother Forest Eaves

Group-3 Leader
Brother William A. McCullough, Jr.
Sister Mary C. Wilson
Brother Carl L. Bailey
Sister Pauline Headen

Group-4 Leader
Brother Milton S. Gaines
Brother Treneto McMurray
Brother Standford Withers
Brother Richard Williams

Assistants

Brothers: Melvin Caldwell
David Scott
Thomas Wilkins
Charles Chapman

Security Committee Objectives:

- To provide Security at and during worship services and other meetings
- To recommend ways and procedures that would make our Church safer during working hours
- To provide Security during the counting of and the depositing of all monies
- To provide Security for the parking lot area during worship services and other church related events
- To provide Security for persons entering and exiting the church premises at night
- To provide helpful hints for the protection of church members' homes
- To conduct annual workshops dealing with concerns, such as Firearms, Self-Defense, and other personal safeguards

Appendix

Tape Ministry

Tape Ministry
First Row: (L-R) Betty Matthews, Emma Tuck, Delaine Vinson, Dorothy Robinson, Gwendolyn Burton, Carolyn Lloyd; Second Row: (L-R) Prentice Williams, Wilbert McGowan, D. A. McLendon, Michael Covington, Anthony Jones

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Tape Ministry was organized in October of 1980. William and Betty Matthews brought their equipment to the church and taped the Revival Services with Reverend A. L. Patterson as the speaker.

Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. was very impressed with their work and equipment was purchased for the church.

The Tape Ministry was organized for the purpose of:

a.) Ministering to the needs of the aged, sick, and shut-in members through the use of cassette tapes and portable cassette players.
b.) Exploring the use of spiritual cassette tapes.
c.) Continuing to provide good quality taped cassettes.

Presently, the Tape Library consists of over 795 tapes from 1980 to the present.

What began as a two person operation now has twenty-one staff members:

Sisters:

Betty Matthews, Chairperson
Frances Bullock
Gwendolyn Burton
Willa Cline
Gwendolyn Griffin
Carolyn Lloyd
Dorothy Robinson
Gwendolyn Taylor
Emma Tuck
Delaine Vinson

Brothers:

J. R. Covington
Michael Covington
Jimmy Gist
C. Anthony Jones, Jr.
Wilbert McGown
D. A. McLendon
William Mobley
William Pickens
Earl Robinson
Walter Taylor
Prentice Williams

Tape Ministry Committee Activities

Typing:
— Labels
— Cassette Tape Lists
— Correspondence to individuals requesting tapes or tape lists

Photocopying:
— List of cassette tapes for distribution, periodically and as-needed

Reports:
— Financial reports made to the Finance Committee on weekly basis
— Copies of these reports maintained for the Tape Ministry Committee

Other:
— Responsible for cassette tape sales each Sunday, and during the week
— Responsible for checking out cassette tapes and tape recorders for Mission-in-action
— Responsible for the above cassette tapes and tape recorders being returned to the church in a timely manner
— Shared responsibility for planning CCT/Tape Ministry year-end budget for proposal
— During our church revivals, on duty six nights — typing labels and selling cassette tapes
— As the Audio/visual Program grows, the duties will increase.

Friendship Players

Friendship Players
Seated: (L-R) Marjorie Morrow, Dorothy Robinson, Michael Moore, Cathy Jones, Lauretta Wilson; Standing: (L-R) Scott Wilson, Fred Warren, Otis Burnett, Leonard Smith, Ronald Mattison, Claude Mack, Michael Evans, Earl Robinson, Edmond Ingram, George Robinson, Mack Canady, and James Allen

The Friendship Players was organized in 1967 by Sister Henrietta Rhedrick who directed, produced, and presented several plays at the church.

Sister Wilma Rushing reactivated The Players Guild in 1985. Later, several new members joined the group. Plays and skits were presented in observance of Christmas, Easter, Black History Month, and other special events.

The Friendship Players has presented two major productions: **"The Land Beyond The River" and the "Amen Corner."** In observance of our 100th Birthday, the skit **"A Church Is Born"** was presented to inform the members of The Church's foundation and organization. The Friendship Players, a medium of expression, affords an opportunity for amateurs to employ their

God-given creative talents. Leading this group of aspiring actors are Brother Earl Robinson, President, and Sister Valorie McCullough, Director.

The Friendship Singles Group

The former Sister Ora Levingston had been concerned about ways in which single persons in the Friendship family could become acquainted with one another through Christian fellowship. There was also the need for a support group for singles. Any unmarried male or female, from the age of 25 and up could participate.

The idea was presented to Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr., and with his approval, the group became organized in 1984.

The current officers of the Friendship Singles are Sister Nadine Weaver, President; Brother Michael Covington, Vice-President; and Sister Renita Hines, Secretary.

L. CHURCH HOSTESSES

The House By The Side Of The Road

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the races of men go by.
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon,
And stretches away to the night.

And still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,
And weep with the strangers that moan,
As I live in my house by the side of the road,
and be a friend to man.

Sam Walter Foss

For the past one hundred years, Friendship Baptist Church has personified that house by the side of the road, extending a warm hand of friendship to all who enter her doors.

Hostess Committee
First Row: (L-R) Daisy Walker, Eunice Gist, Bettie Glenn, E. Jane Lightner, Carolyn Lloyd; Second Row: (L-R) Rosemary Lawrence, Carrie Gibson, Vertis Armstrong, June Smith, and Frances Bullock

During the ministry of the late Pastor Colemon W. Kerry Jr., the minister and the church family felt that our visitors were very important to the church fellowship and should receive special recognition during the worship service. Until this time, the visitors were greeted by the church clerk.

In the 1970's, the visitors were greeted from the north vestibule of the church, by Sister E. Jane Lightner. A microphone was used to convey the message. While this method worked well, the membership felt that the message was more effective and more personal when given from the rostrum.

In 1980, a Hostess Committee was formed. Sisters Camille S. Cunningham, Bettye Haywood, Bessie Moore, June Smith, and E. Jane Lightner became the first Hostess Committee. The committee has expanded to sixteen members with the addition of Sisters Vertis Armstrong, Frances Bullock, Janice Davidson, Carrie Gibson, Eunice B. Gist, Bettie G. Glenn, Rosemary Lawrence, Carolyn Lloyd, Lugertha Morris, Daisy Walker, Barbara Warren, and Vivian Williams. Patricia Brown was also a member of this committee.

The goal of the committee is to make our visitors feel that it is good to be in the house of the **Lord** and to worship with the Friendship family. The committee continues to strive to make this goal a reality with a smile, a handshake, a word of welcome or just a friendly "Hello."

M. FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church's Federal Credit Union grew out of a need for the membership to become more knowledgeable about banking, financial investments, shares and dividends, savings and loans — the gamut of consumer economics. Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr., this twentieth century visionary, presented the idea of the Credit Union to the congregation in 1976. The leadership and the members wholeheartedly accepted the proposal and forged ahead to support the project. Officers, directors, and committee members were elected; policies and procedures were formulated; and the Federal Credit Union was originated.

The Federal Credit Union is a non-profit corporation that serves its members only and is owned and operated by its members. Chosen to direct the business matters of the organization were these 1977 Board Members:

Brother Robert Person.....President
Brother Ivory Herbert, Jr. ..Vice-President
Sister Marizetta Kerry.....Secretary
Brother Ronald Walker.....Treasurer
Sister Leila Blakeney..Assistant Treasurer
Brother William Blue.....Director
Brother Tennyson Johnson.....Director
Brother Colemon Kerry, Jr. .....Director
Brother Samuel Perry.....Director

STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD:

The Board of Directors of F.M.B.C.F.C.U. is elected by the members of F.M.B.C.F.C.U. at the annual meeting. Directors must be members of the credit union. Candidates for the board of directors should possess a dedication and commitment to the purposes of the credit union movement and to their credit union. An understanding of basic business procedures and an ability to read a balance sheet is also helpful. Persons with skills and talent in management, personnel affairs, data processing and budgeting should also be chosen to complement a well-rounded task force.

Terms of office are staggered so that an approximately equal number of directors are elected each year.

The board is required to meet at least once a month at a time and a place that the board agrees on. F.M.B.C.F.C.U. meets the first Tuesday after the third Sunday each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library.

When vacancies arise on the board, credit committee, or supervisory committee, they are filled by a vote of the majority of the directors then holding office.

A director may be removed from office in either of three ways:

1. A vote of the majority of the members present at a special meeting called for that purpose, but only after the director has had the opportunity to speak in his defense.
2. If a director fails to attend regular meetings of the board for three consecutive months, or otherwise fails to perform his duties, that office may be declared vacant by the board and a new board member appointed to fill that position.
3. By unanimous vote, the supervisory committee may suspend until the next meeting of the directors, any director. Such a suspension must be upheld by a vote of the members in a special meeting called from 7 to 14 days after the suspension.

The Credit Committee and the Supervisory Committee constituted the major committees needed to provide for a harmoniously successful working relationship. The members of the 1977 Credit Committee were: Chairperson, Brother Odell Robinson; Brothers Reginald Dalton and William Ervin, Sr. The members of the first Supervisory Committee were: Chairperson, Sister Priscilla Burnett; Sister Nancy Stroud, Brothers William Pickens, and Ivory Herbert.

A Brief Summary of the Executive Officers:

President — The president is the chief executive officer of the credit union. He presides at all meetings of the board and all meetings of the members. Countersigns notes of the credit union and all checks, drafts, and other orders for disbursement of funds. Names a nominating committee as terms of office expire.

Vice President — The vice-president exercises the duties of the president when the president is unable to perform them.

"TEN COMMANDMENTS"

THE MEMBER is the most important person in our credit union.

THE MEMBER is not an outsider — he is an owner of our credit union.

THE MEMBER is not an interruption of our work — he is the purpose of it.

THE MEMBER does us a favor when he calls — we are not doing him a favor when we serve him.

THE MEMBER is not a cold statistic — he is a human being with feelings and emotions like our own.

THE MEMBER is not someone to argue or match wits with.

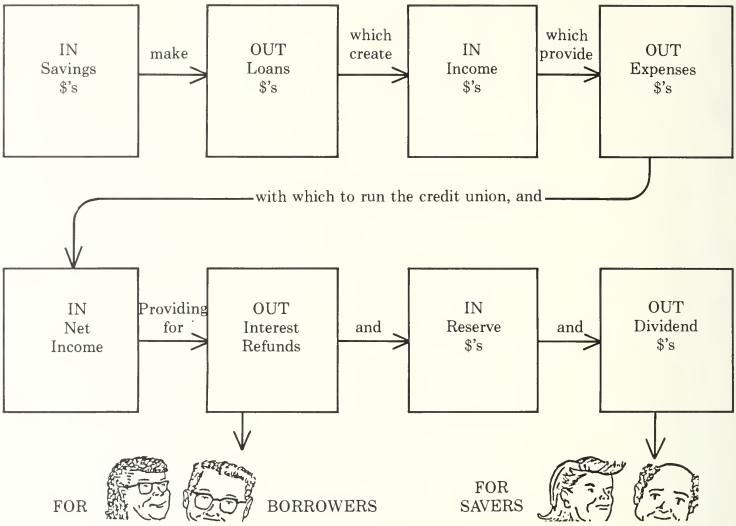
THE MEMBER is a person who brings us his wants. It is our job to fill those wants.

THE MEMBER is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him.

THE MEMBER is not dependent on us — we are dependent on him.

THE MEMBER is the life blood of this credit union.

MONEY FLOWS INTO AND OUT OF THE CREDIT UNION:



Treasurer — The treasurer is the manager of the credit union, unless the board has employed an outside manager. The treasurer takes care of the financial and managerial functions of the credit union.

1. Has custody of the assets of the credit union.
2. Signs notes, checks, drafts and orders for disbursements of funds.
3. Keeps and maintains records of the assets and liabilities of the credit union.
4. Prepares monthly financial statement, including summary of delinquent loans. Posts statement in a conspicuous place in the credit union.
5. Prepares and forwards to the Regulatory Agency financial and other reports that the Agency may require.
6. Hires and fires credit union employees.

Secretary — Prepares and maintains full and complete records of all meetings of the members and of the board. Prepares notices of meetings to be held and performs other duties as notified.

Credit Committee

This committee consists of 3 members. (Elected by the membership.) They meet separately and attend all board meetings. This committee approves or rejects loans with respect to government regulations and board policies.

Supervisory Committee

The Board of Directors appoints a Supervisory Committee — Internal Auditor (Watchdog) of the Credit Union. This Committee attends and par-

ticipates in all board meetings. Check all records to see that they are maintained properly.

In 1989 these officers, directors, and committee members spearheaded the activities of the Credit Union.

Board Members

Brother J.R. Covington .....Chairperson
Sister Saundra Chapman...Vice-Chairperson
Sister Norma Young .....Treasurer
Sister Aurelia Ervin.....Secretary
Brother Marvan C. Pettiford.....Member
Sister Nancy Stroud .....Member
Sister Lucinda Gantt.....Member

Education Committee

Brother Kenneth Chambers...Chairperson
Brother Andrew Ladd....Vice-Chairperson

It was Pastor Kerry who said, **"Individually We Are Poor, But Collectively We Are Rich."** The corporation's main objective is not to make money — but to help the members manage their money by:

1. Saving for the future
2. Making intelligent use of credit
3. Using our personal financial counselling service

After much discussion and scrutiny, the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Credit Union members — in 1990 — agreed to a merger of the church's organization with the School Workers' Federal Credit Union. The move was made in order to protect the shareholders. It was with mixed emotions that the members agreed to the consolidation which was in their best interests.

It is because of the vision of the visionary that this Federal Credit Union became a reality. The purpose has been fulfilled and the challenges satisfied.

N. CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Friendship Baptist Church Day Care Center materialized out of the visions and insight of the late Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. He envisioned a place where the children of Friendship and the surrounding area could receive genuine love and good physical care in a pleasant, caring and loving environment.

Child Development Board of Directors
First Row: (L-R) E. Jane Lightner, Eunice Gist; seated: Theresa Stewart; Second Row: (L-R) Bertha Robinson, Patricia Dowdy, Betty Wilkins, Lena Pickens, Bettye McLaurin; Top Row: Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

In July 1970, a group of enthusiastic and interested individuals who were willing to work diligently to make day care a reality at Friendship met to formulate ideas for its organization. A committee was formed and directed to take a survey of the community to determine the number of children requiring day care services. The survey indicated that forty-five (45) children were in need of these services.

The center opened September 8, 1970, with two Co-Directors, Sisters Mary E. McGill and Dee Clark. The Board of Directors, members, and officers constitute an historical group of Friendship's Day Care beginnings. The following is a list of those who were among the first:

Board of Directors (Officers)

Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. .....Executive Director
Sister Bettye McLaurin .....Chairperson
Sister Theresa Stewart .....Vice-Chairperson
Sister Jane Lightner.....Recording Secretary

Board of Directors

Sister Grace Chambers
Brother Kenneth Chambers
Sister Vivian Chambers
Brother James Clarke
Sister Mary Clarke
Sister Barbara Clinton
Sister Doretha L. Leak
Sister Marizetta H. Kerry
Sister Frances Maske
Brother William McDonald
Sister Lonnie Miller
Brother William Morrow
Sister Elizabeth Nicholas
Sister Bertha Robinson
Sister Mary Walker
Sister Lorraine White

From the time of its inception, the center has operated successfully under the guidance of four

directors: Sisters Mary E. McGill, Dorothy Triplet, Sandra Wilkins, and Sarah M. Edwards.

During the twenty (20) years of operations, the center has experienced an unprecedented growth and development in the preparation of teachers, the improvement of the physical plant, the addition of indoor and outdoor equipment, and the upgrading of the curriculum.

The Day Care Board of Directors was fortunate to have Sister Bettye McLaurin, with her expertise, serving as chairperson for more than eighteen (18) years. The current chairperson is Sister Theresa Stewart.

The Child Development Center continues to flourish under the capable leadership of Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr., the Executive Director of The Day Care Board and Staff.

Sister Theresa Stewart.....Board Chairperson
Sister Bettye McLaurin ..Chairperson Emeritus
Brother Kenneth Chambers...Vice-Chairperson
Sister Eunice Gist.....Secretary
Sister Geraldine Powe.....Treasurer
Sister Sarah Edwards.....Executive Director, Ex-Officio
Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr. .....Administrator

Board of Directors

Brother Kenneth Chambers
Sister Patricia Dowdy
Sister Sigredda Fletcher
Sister Eunice Gist
Sister E. Jane Lightner
Sister Bettye McLaurin
Sister Lena Pickens
Sister Geraldine Powe
Sister Bertha Robinson
Sister Theresa Stewart
Sister Betty Wilkins
Sister Vivian Williams

Philosophy

Our **philosophy** is to provide opportunities and experiences for children when they are developmentally ready to learn. As children grow and develop, learning activities and experiences expand. Learning Centers and team teaching should be utilized to provide activities that will enhance the emotional, social, intellectual and physical development of children.

Goals/Objectives

1. To Promote Emotional Growth

A. To build self-confidence and a sense of self-worth by allowing choices within limits and providing successful experiences.

B. To provide a warm accepting environment for the children to work and play.

C. To encourage curiosity and a sense of wonder with emphasis on self-motivation.

2. To Promote Social Growth

A. To promote and instill a sense of caring and sensitivity towards others.

B. To recognize group needs versus individual differences.

3. To Promote Intellectual Growth

A. To instill a sense of curiosity.

B. To provide an atmosphere where children discover and explore; to teach independence through teaching **how** and **where** to find solutions.

C. To provide a wide variety of activities within an informal setting where cooperative play is encouraged. Curriculum areas consist of art, math, science, cooking, music and movement, large muscle development, practical life experiences, dramatic play, language arts and fine motor activities. Through these activities, children learn to trust their own feelings about what they learn, hear, see and do and begin sharing these experiences with others.

O. DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH

The Department of Christian Education and Youth was organized under the leadership of Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr. in 1984. Sister Cyn-

Education Committee
Seated: (L-R) Kenneth Chambers and Gwendolyn Burton; Standing: (L-R) Vertis Armstrong, Emma Tuck, Bessie Cowan, Donna Tate, and C. Brenda Jones

thia McCullough was hired as the Director and served until 1986.

Reverend Mildred B. Hines served as the Minister of this department from 1987 until 1990.

Presently, Sister Sandra C. Williams and Jean F. Grier are the Co-ordinators of the program.

Working under the umbrella of the Department of Christian Education and Youth is the Education Committee.

Education Committee (1982)

Chairperson:	Brother Kenneth Chambers
Vice-Chairperson:	Sister Shirley Manigo
Secretary:	Sister Minnie Williams
Acting Secretary:	Sister Valorie McCullough
Corresponding Secretary:	Sister Willa Cline

Sub-Committee Chairpersons:

Sunday School:	Brother Tolly Kennon
Audio Visual:	Sister Ella Scarborough
Photography:	Brother Joseph Hilliard
	Brother James McCullough
Tape Ministry	Brother William Matthews
Family Life Institute:	Sister Geraldine Powe
Church Wide Institute:	Sister Emma Tuck
Vacation Bible School (1983)	Brother Donald White
NAACP:	Brother Homer Fennell
	Sister Willa Cline

Teacher — Leadership Training:
Brother Rudolph Seth
Brother Clayton Barnes

Objectives — Goals **1982 — Present**

1) To support and sponsor annual drives to increase The Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. Scholarship Fund endowment.

2) To help increase attendance in our Sunday School Program by appeals, publications, and involvement from all organizations with the education chairpersons serving as representatives.

3) To establish a quarterly workshop program on Audio-Visual equipment.

4) To continue to promote and present special studies on the moral issues of our day through the Family Life Institute.

5) To establish and organize Leadership Training courses for Sunday School Teachers, Organizational Leaders, and Co-operative Ministries.

6) To continue our involvement and promote special programs that will help to educate the total Christian.

The present officers are:

Chairperson.....Brother Kenneth Chambers
Vice-Chairperson .....Brother Andrew Ladd
Secretary .....Sister Emma Tuck
Assistant Secretary .....Sister Geraldine Powe

P. COLEMON W. KERRY, JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. Scholarship Fund was conceived from an idea by Sister Phyllis Chapman. The idea was presented to the Education Committee under the leadership of Deacon Kenneth Chambers.

The decision was that the most appropriate way to honor such a dynamic, Christian, and educationally motivated leader as Pastor Kerry would be a way to continue his efforts to locate funding for persons in need of financial assistance.

In November of 1980, efforts were made by the church leaders and members to raise $10,000. By November 31, 1980, this goal was reached — thus the establishment of the Colemon W. Kerry Scholarship Fund. On Wednesday evening, December 10, 1980, the Board of Directors was elected by the Scholarship Committee (all persons who had made a contribution to the Fund).

Those members were:

Brother Clayton Barnes	Sister Shirley Manigo
Sister Gwendolyn Burton	Sister Jacqueline Mason
Brother Coker Hare	Sister Geraldine Powe
Brother James Lyons	Brother Rudolph Seth

Sister Juanita White

Pastor Kerry, Dr. Kenneth Chambers, and Sister Phyllis Chapman were made Ex-Officio Board Members.

The Board met and elected the following officers:

Brother Clayton Barnes .....Chairperson
Sister Juanita White.....Co-Chairperson
Sister Gwendolyn Burton .....Secretary
Sister Geraldine Powe ...Assistant Secretary
Brother Rudolph Seth .....Treasurer

To receive the greatest return on the money raised, the Board invested the $10,000 in a Certificate of Deposit. The interest accumulated would be used to award the Scholarships.

Upon the death of Brother Coker Hare in July of 1981, his son, Ronald, was selected by the Board to replace him.

On August 2, 1981, the first three Scholarships were awarded in the amount of $401.00 each.

The recipients were:

- Debra Thompson, daughter of Brother and Sister John Thompson — a Sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
- Kelvin Grier, son of Sister Jean F. Grier—a Freshman at Appalachian State University
- Tommy Starnes, son of Brother and Sister Willie Oliphant (guardians) — a Freshman at Greensboro College.

The objective of the Scholarship Fund was not only to provide financial assistance to members of the Friendship Family, but also to give aid to those who were in need of job counseling, and career development programs.

Deacon Chambers and the Education Committee expressed the hopes that the Fund would reach the $100,000 mark within a ten year period from its inception. That goal was met within eight years and the Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. Scholarship Fund has continued to be a source of financial stability and assistance for members of the Friendship Family who are seeking a higher education.

Recommended Policies and Criteria

A. **Types of Financial Assistance**

1. The Colemon W. Kerry Scholarship Fund will award scholarships and/or grants to selected applicants who satisfy eligibility requirements. Scholarships will be awarded to students based on demonstrated need and evidence of outstanding academic performance. Grants will be given to students based on demonstrated financial need.
2. Loans are not available at the current time; however, the Board of Directors will periodically reassess the feasibility of making loans to students.

B. **Eligibility Requirements**

1. To be eligible, recipients must be members of Friendship Baptist Church.
2. A recipient must be enrolled or planning to enroll as a fulltime student as defined by the institution he/she attends. Usually this is defined as a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours or nine (9) quarter hours.
3. A recipient must be attending an accredited post-secondary institution. This includes community colleges, technical institutes, trade/vocational/professional

schools, and four year, degree granting institutions.

4. Graduate students would not be eligible for financial assistance until such time as the Board of Directors deems this necessary.
5. Students awarded scholarships or grants are eligible to reapply in subsequent years for continued financial assistance. To be awarded additional aid, a student nust have a "C" average or above.
6. To qualify for financial assistance, a student must show evidence of financial need.
7. An applicant must complete the required application form and provide the necessary supporting materials to be considered for financial assistance. These materials must be submitted by the announced deadline dates to ensure consideration.

C. **Number and Amount of Awards**

1. The number of scholarships and grants made each year will be based on the funds available as determined by the Board of Directors.
2. The amount of financial assistance given a recipient will be based upon his/her financial need and the cost per term/year at the institution he/she attends.

D. **Verification of Application Materials**

1. The Board of Directors, through its official representatives, reserves the right to verify information submitted in support of an application for financial assistance and to request additional information when needed.

E. **Selection of Aid Recipients**

1. The Board of Directors will make the final selections and approve all recipients of scholarships and grants.
2. Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be final.

The present officers are:

Brother Ronald C. Hare ..... Chairperson
Sister Emma Tuck ..... Co-Chairperson
Sister Shirley Manigo ..... Secretary
Sister Gwendolyn Burton..... Assistant Secretary
Brother Clayton Barnes ..... Treasurer

Members:

Sister Phyllis Chapman
Sister Marizetta Kerry
Sister Evelyn Barnes
Brother James Lyons

Ex-Officio Members:

Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
Brother Kenneth Chambers
Brother William T. Kerry

At Large Members:

Sister Aurelia Erwin
Sister Sandra Williams
Brother Frank Gadsden
Brother Robert Person

Q. CHURCH MINISTRY/PROGRAMMING

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH is first and foremost a spiritual entity that is actualized in the lives of those persons who affirmed **Jesus Christ** as **Lord,** and freely accepted the privilege, responsibilities, and obligations of being a member of the local visible church. The reason for our existence is to proclaim the **Gospel of Jesus Christ** and to enhance the lives of all of **God's** children; locally, nationally, and internationally. We are admonished by the scriptures to give tithes and offerings to **God** through the church. **God** has touched the hearts of the membership of Friendship, and as we come to the end of another successful year, **1990,** for the first time in the history of the church, we expect the total income to exceed one million dollars. Surely, we praise **God** for those who trust **Him** with the tithes, however, our potential is presently in excess of two million dollars.

Consequently, we are a spiritual organization with a business/financial component, that has all of the tenets of a business, yet, is tempered prayerfully with the **Spirit of Christ.** The tithes and offerings belong to **God** and we are accountable to **Him** ultimately, and to the **Friendship Missionary Baptist Church** for proper, sound,

and thrifty management. Therefore, we have an Administrative Manager, who is responsible for the daily financial operation; a Treasurer, who signs checks, reconciles the bank statements, processes the tithe envelopes and financial reports; two Financial Officers, who sign checks (two signatures are required on all checks); a voucher system for all financial requests, which is signed by the Pastor; and a Finance and Budget Committee, which monitors the income and expenditures based on the adopted programs, ministries, and mission goals.

The process begins with the development of a proposal for activities, programs, and ministries for the ensuing year, from each Auxiliary, Committee, and Department. After this has been completed, a proposed amount is submitted to the Budget Committee for processing and inclusion in the budget. If approved, it is then presented to the General Board and to the Church during the Annual Conference.

The Budget is developed to facilitate programs, ministries, and missions. The first consideration is given to ministries, such as the Senior Center, the Singles Ministry, and the Couples Ministry. Programs are oriented toward development and Christian nurture, which enable the members to become bold witnesses for **Christ,** committed stewards, and diligent students. Therefore, throughout the year, workshops, seminars, and Bible studies are scheduled. Also, week-long retreats are planned, so that smaller groups may have opportunities for more in-depth orientation on the meaning of being a Christian and a member of **Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.** Our endeavor is to empower the member to be effective in his/her witness; this is **evangelism.**

An integral part of our name is **MISSIONARY.**

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH! We believe in and practice mission work, doing for others in the name of **Christ.** Approximately **12%** of the tithes and offerings is used for mission work. We assist families in need, **both members and non-members;** support the Crisis Assistance Ministries; the N.A.A.C.P.; the Legal Defense Fund; Habitat for Humanity; the Sickle Cell Foundation; Teenage Parents Services (TAPS); The Anita Stroud Foundation; and many others. Through the General Baptist State Convention, we support Shaw University and its Divinity School; the Children's Home of Oxford; the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; the State Mission; the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention; and the J.J. Johnson Assembly. We also support the Baptist World Alliance; our mission church in Zaire, Kinshasa Africa, Ndjill #7; Rainbow Acres; and we provided special assistance that was sent to Jamaica. We can be proud of our mission outreach program; we gave more for missions than any other predominately Black Baptist Church in North Carolina, and we are one of the top mission giving churches in the Nation.

A major portion of the budget relates to the daily maintenance and operation of all of the aforementioned programs, as well as the personnel (staff and volunteers) who effectively and with a great deal of commitment, **"get things done."** The staff is inclusive of twenty-four persons; Administrative and Office, five; Musicians, nine; Maintenance, two; Contractual, five; and Ministerial, three.

A major objective for the year was that of debt retirement. Successfully, over one hundred and sixty thousand dollars has been paid to cancel the mortgages on the Bell Tower and the Enrichment Center. Additionally, the principal in the Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. Scholarship Fund has been increased to $100,000 and allocations in excess of $200,000 have been made to the Comprehensive Building Fund as it assesses the future program and building needs of Friendship.

Our church continues to face many challenges and exciting opportunities. The following guidelines were used in preparing the budget for 1991:

—Approximately 13% of total income will be used for Missions.

—Organizational programs should be Mission oriented.

—Expected income for 1991 should exceed $1.1 million, an increase of approximately 10%.

—Salaries will reflect an overall cost of living adjustment of 5%.

—All conferences, conventions, and workshops will be included in one budget category for simplification.

—All Mission activities will be included in one budget category, rather than in church organizational budgets.

The **Lord** has stayed, nurtured, and blessed **FRIENDSHIP** for **100 Years,** and we believe that **God's Spirit** will continue to guide and direct our path for all eternity.

R. Notable Church/Community Leaders: Yesterday and Today

Dr. James A. Clarke

Dr. James A. Clarke was born in Jacksonville, Florida; attended the public schools in Florida and Georgia; graduated Valedictorian from Jenkins County Training School in Miller, Georgia in 1943; graduated from Johnson C. Smith University in 1949 (Magna Cum Laude), earning the Bachelor of Science Degree. Dr. Clarke received the Master of Science Degree from North Carolina A & T State University, The Master of Arts Degree from Columbia University and the Doctor of Education Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

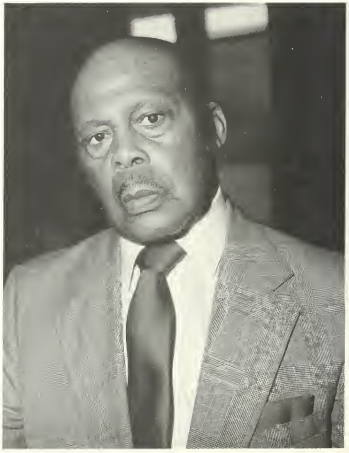
Brother Clark is active in various organizations, and holds leadership positions in many of them. During Brother Clarke's term as Sunday School Superintendent at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, he and his family worked faithfully in many areas of the church. He labored hard to encourage members to attend Sunday School consistently. Dr. Clark is currently serving as a Deacon of the Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina and is actively involved in numerous Civic, Religious, and Fraternal Organizations. He further distinguished himself by becoming the Director of Community Schools for the State of North Carolina.

William Luther Clyburn
Oldest Male Member

William Luther Clyburn was born in Kershaw, S.C. November 29, 1900. He attended the Public Schools of Lancaster County, South Carolina. At the age of 18, William Clyburn came to Charlotte, and joined Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend John Lewis Powell. He worked in many capacities of the Church such as teaching Sunday School in the Primary Department, singing in the six member Hymn Choir, and working as the Church Custodian for a very small salary. Most of the time his custodial work was done free of charge, because he cared a lot for his church. "Luther" as most people in the church and community called him, is known for helping all races of people in any way possible.

In 1986 Bi-Lo Grocery Store honored the oldest member of Friendship. Luther Clyburn was presented with a gold watch.

Ernest McCree
Oldest Male Having the Longest Membership



Assistant Church Clerk Emeritus, Brother McCree, was born in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1909; joined Friendship at age twelve (12) when Dr. B.K. Mason was Pastor; and became actively involved in many church organizations. He was actively involved in the Sunday School Department and the Baptist Young People's Union. Brother McCree served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School Department, the Secretary of the Building Fund, a Sunday School Teacher in the Children's Department, Secretary of the Deacon Board, a Trustee, and a Deacon for forty-one years.

For thirty-nine (39) years, Brother McCree served as Assistant Clerk during Sister Hutchison's tenure as Church Clerk. Brother Ernest McCree has distinguished himself as the oldest male member in the church. Diligently and loyally, he rendered assistance in all clerk-related duties in the church, for an extended period of sixty-two (62) years. Hence, the contributions made by this dedicated servant will long be remembered, as he continues to serve the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

Ella Butler Scarborough

Ella, the great grandniece of Mary McLeod Bethune, was born and reared in Sumter, South Carolina. After completing South Carolina State College in 1971, she moved to Charlotte. She and her husband Pete have two children; Troy is a Freshman at N.C. A & T State University and Tori is in the sixth grade at Dilworth Elementary School.

Ella loves rolling up her sleeves and working on issues. Presently, she serves on the following boards and committees:

- The Deaconess Board, The Evangelistic Committee, and a member of the Church Choir at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
- Reid Park Neighborhood Association Advisory Committee
- President, Bradford/James Family Reunion, Inc.
- UNCC Incubator Advisory Board
- Randolph Clinic Alcoholism Treatment Board
- The Governor's Commission on Libraries
- Charlotte/Mecklenburg Urban League Board
- Charlotte's Uptown Development Corporation Board (CUDC)
- Charlotte's City Council — 3rd District

Ella is listed in the 1980 edition of Who's Who in the World of Women, in the 1982 edition of Who's Who in Library and Information Science, and in the 1979-1983 edition of Who's Who in Special Library Services. She serves as a guest lecturer for Clemson University and for many churches and other organizations.

THE VISIONARY

Anita Stroud, "Miss Neet" (1899-1984)

Compassion came to her quite naturally. Anita Stroud never knew her parents, never progressed beyond a third grade education. By the time she was eight years old, Anita was a fieldhand. She worked from dawn till dusk, harvesting peanuts, cotton and sugar cane.

"I cried a stomach full of tears in the cottonfields," she often recalled, "because of nights I was so hungry I couldn't sleep."

Anita had a visionary dream. She made a commitment. Someday she would make enough money to buy a farm with a big house — a house with a nice roof with no holes. It would be a place where all the homeless children could come to live and have all the food they wanted to eat and books to learn.

Needless to say she never had the money it takes to buy a farm; however, she kept faith with her vision. In 1925, Anita left her native farmlands in Chester County, S.C. and came to Charlotte, where she worked most of her remaining years as a domestic helper.

Words spread rapidly. "Miss Neet" — as she became known to hundreds of impoverished youngsters—turned her tiny apartment into an after-school refuge. There were story hours, Bible classes, fun-filled playtimes, and group projects to help others in the community. Refreshments were homemade cookies. Anita Stroud inspired her city, volunteers, church, and civic groups to pitch in with food, clothing, and books. People who shared her commitment also gave their time and talents.

What started out in 1935 as an overnight excursion in a nearby woods soon became a yearly summer camp for the children in the Fairview Homes Community. Mrs. Ethel D. Guest served as a catalyst for this program helping to bring the program to the level that it is today. Presently, approximately sixty children are enrolled from K-6th grades participating in reading, Arts and Crafts, Math classes, and Bible study.

Miss Neet was a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. She is remembered by others as being very actively involved for a number of years with the children. The children's initial contact in Sunday School was with Miss Neet, as she served as the Superintendent of the Primary Department. It was Miss Neet who started the little Tot's choir. Two of her favorite songs that she taught the children were; **Jesus Loves Me** & **I'll Be A Sunbeam For Him.**

Anita Stroud's life and the productive lives of the children she inspired at Friendship and Fairview Homes are a lasting Testament to the message she always stressed: "YOU CAN BE SOMEBODY." Her legacy will forever be remembered.

Julius LeVonne Chambers

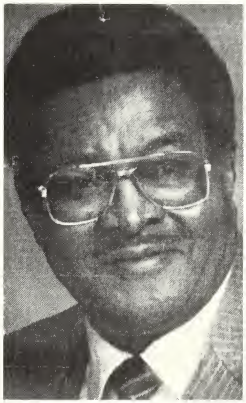
Julius LeVonne Chambers was born in Montgomery County, North Carolina on October 6, 1936. In 1958, he received a B.A. Degree in History from North Carolina College, from which he graduated **Summa Cum Laude.** He received a Woodrow Wilson Scholarship to study at the University of Michigan, where he received an M.A. Degree in History in 1959.

He studied law at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill, where he placed first in his class and was Editor-in-Chief of the North Carolina Law Review in 1962. He received a Juris Doctor from UNC in 1962, then studied at the Columbia University School of Law, where he received a LL.M. in 1963.

After graduating from Columbia, Mr. Chambers became the first legal intern at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) in 1963, where he concentrated in civil rights litigation primarily in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Alabama. The following year, he went into private practice in Charlotte, North Carolina, and continued to concentrate in civil rights litigation.

A notable civil rights case litigated by Mr. Chambers was Swann vs. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education. In 1971, the Supreme Court in Swann approved the use of busing, "school-pairing," altering school attendance zones, and other techniques to foster school desegration.

After coming to Charlotte, Mr. Chambers affiliated with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, where he served quite capably as a Church Trustee until his appointment in 1984 as the Director-Counsel of the Legal Defense Fund.



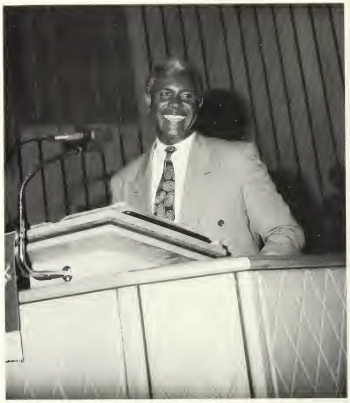
Reverend Reginald Waldo Dalton

Reginald Waldo Dalton, son of Mrs. Willie G. Lawrence and the late Luther Dalton, was born June 6, 1918 in Statesville, N.C. He departed this life on Saturday, November 3, 1990 at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C.

He received his education in the public schools of Statesville, N.C. and was a graduate of North Carolina Central University.

His religious, political and civic experience included the following: past president of the Layman's League, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, U.S.A.; last black Justice of the Peace to be elected in Durham County; ran twice as candidate for the N.C. General Assembly; member of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People; faculty member of the Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education for 22 years; teacher of the A.O. Steele Bible Class at Johnson C. Smith University for 8 years; Institute Instructor for many Baptist Associations; recipient of the coveted Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to the Boy Scouts of America; member of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association and the Afro-American Cultural Center; Mason; Shriner; member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; member of Weaver McLean Post #175 American Legion. Also, he was a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, a former teacher of the T.L. Rowland Bible Class and member of Senior Choir No. 1. Later, he joined Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. and served with the Boy Scouts, Credit Union, Sunday School, Mission Department, and Cooperative Ministry.

His pastoral experience included the following; former pastor of New Saint James Baptist Church, Durham, N.C.; organizer and pastor of the New Canaan Baptist Church, Gastonia, N.C.; former pastor of Reeder Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; Associate Minister of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.



Harvey B. Gantt

Harvey Gantt was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1943. He graduated second in his class from Burke High School and attended Iowa State University on an academic scholarship. After three semesters, he returned home to become the first black student admitted to Clemson University.

He graduated from Clemson with honors in 1965 and later earned a Master's Degree in city planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

After more than fifteen years of public service, Harvey Gantt has gained wide respect for his ability to combine practical problem-solving skills with innovative and creative leadership. He was elected to the Charlotte City Council three times and served as Mayor Pro Tem. Twice he was elected Mayor by a population that is 75% white.

In 1990, Harvey Gantt stepped onto a broader political stage in challenging Jesse Helms for the U.S. Senate seat in North Carolina. He made history by becoming the first black nominee from the Democratic party for the U.S. Senate. In an epic political campaign that captured national and international attention, Mr. Gantt stressed progressive issues dealing with education, the environment, health care and housing. While unsuccessful in winning the Senate seat in 1990, he was successful in energizing the Democratic

party, bringing in new and young voters to the party, and in offering a substantially different alternative to the conservative and divisive politics of Jesse Helms.

Harvey Gantt is an architect, businessman, and experienced public official, a family man, and a progressive leader in his community, his state, and the nation. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and he sings in the Church Choir.

Elizabeth V. Hutchison

Elizabeth V. Hutchison, a native Charlottean, joined Friendship Missionary Baptist Chruch at the age of ten. During her christian involvement, she became the Church Clerk under Reverend John Lewis Powell's administration, and served in that capacity until her death on June 29, 1985. She worked faithfully as the Sunday School Divisional Superintendent of the Children's Department, a member of the Board of Trustees, and the Enlistment Committee. She was named **"Woman of The Year** in 1984." She also served as a part-time Secretary in charge of typing and duplicating the Sunday Morning Bulletins and those for all special occasions.

Personally, this faithful servant, Sister Hutchison, attended the public schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, did extended study at North Carolina Central University in Durham, and graduated from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte. She taught in the public schools of North Carolina. Sister Hutchison was employed by the Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte; and served as Director of the Charlottetown Terrace Senior Citizens housing unit. During Sister Hutchison's thirty-three years of employment with the Housing Authority, she was the recipient of many outstanding awards. One special recognition came from The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials for services she rendered in providing for the nation's housing and community development needs.

Sister Hutchison furthered the cause of community growth by engaging in the Johnson C. Smith Alumni Association, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Wherever there was constructive work to be done, Sister Hutchison made herself available; and, she leaves this testimony as an endorsement of her perseverance:

> **"The race is not given to the swift, nor to the strong; but to the one, who holds out to the end."**

Morehead Scholar/Nominees

Friendship can be very proud of its youth as they continue to strive for spiritual and educational excellence. Three such young people were recognized through the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System for their overall accomplishments and were distinguished as Morehead Scholar/Nominees. Those students are:

Claytonya M. Barnes, the daughter of Brother Clayton and Sister Catherine Barnes.

Zerrick A. Bynum, the son of Brother Raleigh and Sister Thelmetia Bynum.

Erika Gantt, the daughter of Brother Harvey and Sister Lucinda Gantt.

The Morehead Scholarship is a prestigious award presented to outstanding students who aspire to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After a vigorous battery of interviews, selections are made, and the chosen scholars receive an all-expense paid scholarship to attend UNC-CH.

S. IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO THAT PALACE

WHY SHOULD OUR TEARS IN SORROW FLOW
WHEN GOD RECALLS HIS OWN,
AND BIDS THEM LEAVE A WORLD OF WOE
FOR AN IMMORTAL CROWN?

IS NOT E'EN DEATH A GAIN TO THOSE
WHOSE LIFE TO GOD WAS GIVEN?
GLADLY TO EARTH THEIR EYES THEY CLOSE,
TO OPEN THEM IN HEAVEN.

THEIR TOILS ARE PAST, THEIR WORK IS DONE,
AND THEY ARE FULLY BLEST;
THEY FOUGHT THE FIGHT,
THE VICTORY WON,
AND ENTERED INTO REST.

THEN LET OUR SORROWS CEASE TO FLOW;
GOD HAS RECALLED HIS OWN;
BUT LET OUR HEARTS, IN EVERY WOE
STILL SAY, "THY WILL BE DONE."

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

"DEATH IS THE GOLDEN KEY
THAT OPENS THE
PALACE OF ETERNITY."
MILTON

T. 100 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

A sweeping look at 10 decades devoted to **God** and the incidents that shaped them:

1 **1890** — A group of forty (40) members of the First Baptist Church withdraws its membership, by letter, and goes out, under the leadership of Reverend Allen L. Lewis, to organize Friendship.

Mrs. I. B. Sheperd, Founder

2 **1891** — Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is formally organized by the Ecclesiastical Council of Ordained Baptist Ministers.

3 **1892** — Reverend C.H. Williamson becomes the second Pastor of Friendship.

4 **1896** — Reverend J.O. Crosby accepts the position as the third Pastor of Friendship.

5 **1898** — Reverend J.H. Carey serves as the fourth Pastor of Friendship.

6 **1899** — Reverend J.D. Hood is called as the fifth Pastor of Friendship.

7 **1901** — Reverend P.F. Maloy accepts the call as the sixth Pastor of Friendship.

8 **1905** — Reverend G.O. Bullock serves as the seventh Pastor of Friendship.

9 **1912** — Reverend G.W. Watkins becomes the eighth Pastor of Friendship.

10 **1918** — Stained glass windows are added to the church before the departure of Reverend Watkins.

11 **1919** — Reverend C.C. Adams accepts the call as the ninth Pastor of Friendship.

12 **1920** — Reverend B.K. Mason becomes the tenth Pastor of Friendship.

13 **1922** — Friendship is host to the Lott Carey Convention.

14 **1926** — Friendship is host to the General Baptist State Convention.

15 **March 31, 1933** — The Friendship Troop of the Boy Scouts of America is organized with Reverend John Lewis Powell serving as the organizational director.

16 **1933** — Reverend John Lewis Powell becomes the eleventh Pastor of Friendship.

17 **1942** — Ernestine McCree becomes the first Girl Scout at Friendship.

18 **February 17, 1947** — The Davidson College Chorus presents a concert at Friendship.

19 **August 1, 1947** — The first church financial system is established.

20 **September 1, 1947** — An active membership roll is installed.

21 **September 23, 1947** — Reverend John Lewis Powell resigns as pastor of Friendship.

22 **October 6, 1947** — Deacon James A. Crawford assumes responsibility for all church transactions after the departure of Reverend Powell.

23 **January 5, 1948** — Reverend Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. accepts the call to Pastor Friendship.

24 **February 5, 1948** — The Junior Church is established.

25 **July 19, 1948** — The Sunday School is reorganized.

26 **June 27, 1948** — Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. introduces tithing to the Friendship Family, proved to be the most effective financial program to date.

27 **January 1949** — "The Hour of Power" radio broadcast begins at Friendship.

28 **1949** — A Cub Scout Pack is organized by Pastor Kerry with Reverend J. Fiddmont serving as our first Cubmaster.

29 **July 6, 1950** — Marizetta Hardy and Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. are united in holy matrimony.

30 **May 23, 1950** — The Board votes to purchase another parsonage at 1022 Kohler Avenue.

31 **January 21, 1952** — Quarterly church conferences begin.

32 **January 4, 1953** — Pastor Kerry is installed as the President of the Baptist Ministerial Conference.

33 **December 30, 1954** — The Church's Jubilee Banquet is held at the YMCA.

34 **June 21, 1959** — The NAACP Friendship Junior Youth Council is organized with Kelly M. Alexander, Jr. as President.

35 **July 1961** — Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is informed that in two years, its property will be bought and the building must be vacated because of the Urban Redevelopment Program.

Together We BUILD

36 **June 25, 1961** — An NAACP Life Membership is presented to Pastor Kerry and Members of Friendship.

37 **December 17, 1961** — The Nurses Guild is organized by Sister Sadie Covington.

38 **September 1-30, 1963** — Thirty days of continuing services prior to the demolition of the property as a result of Urban Redevelopment.

39 **October 1, 1963** — Friendship moves from Brevard Street because of Urban Redevelopment.

40 **1963** — Worship Services begin at Northwest Junior High Auditorium for approximately seven years, at a cost of $15.00 per week.

41 **August 16, 1964** — Plans are approved for the present church site, located at 3301 Beatties Ford Road.

42 **1965** — Construction begins on the present church.

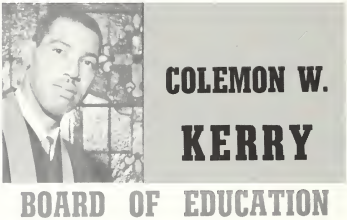
43 **March 26, 1967 — Songs to Live By,** Volume I is recorded live by the Friendship Church Choir at Northwest Junior High School.

44 **1967** — The Friendship Players drama guild is organized by Sister Henrietta Rhedrick.

45 **April 7, 1968** — The Ground Breaking ceremony is held for the building of the new edifice.

46 **April 7, 1968** — The Trustees sign a contract in the amount of $342,336.00 with the G.T. Barnes Company for the construction of the new church.

47 **April 9, 1968** — Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. is appointed to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, the first Black member.



48 **April 14, 1968 — Songs To Live By,** Volume II, an Easter concert, is recorded live at the Northwest Auditorium.

49 **June 1, 1968** — Friendship announces the issuance of $200,000.00 in building construction bonds.

50 **May 4, 1969 — Songs To Live By,** Volume III is recorded live at Northwest.

51 **May 31, 1970 — Inspiration and Soul,** the fourth album, is recorded, the church's 81st Anniversary Edition.

52 **July 5, 1970** — Pastor Kerry leads the dedication of the new Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on Beatties Ford Road.

53 **1970** — One hundred fifty four persons become members of Friendship in the new facility.

54 **1970** — The Friendship Day Care Center is initiated.

55 **1971** — The First Tutorial Program is initiated by William A. Smith.

56 **1971** — Evangelist Leighton T. Ford addresses the Friendship Youth.

57 **June 1971** — The Youth Department visits 6 Flags over Georgia.

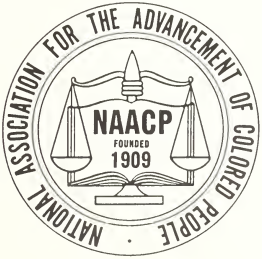
58 **October 1971** — The Magnolia Tree is planted in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Brother Freddie Clinton coordinates the planting of the Magnolia Tree with Friendship youth.

59 **October 28, 1973** — The Friendship Family celebrated Pastor Kerry's 25th Anniversary at Friendship.

60 **1975** — Dual Worship is organized by Pastor Kerry.

61 **1976** — Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP speaks at Friendship.



62 **March 5, 1980** — The Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue is dedicated — initiated by Pastor Colemon W. Kerry, Jr.

Dr. Selma Burke, sculptor, presents the M.L. King, Jr. statue to the Charlotte community.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr. participates in the dedication ceremonies in honor of his son.

63 **October 1980** — The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Tape Ministry is organized.

64 **November 30, 1980** — The Colemon W. Kerry, Jr. Scholarship Fund is established.

65 **1980** — The Sheepfold of Miriam is the last Sheepfold to be formed.

66 **August 2, 1981** — The first three Coleman W. Kerry, Jr. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of $401.00 each.

67 **1981** — The Hot Lunch Program becomes a reality.

68 **December 22, 1981** — Pastor Kerry, our Shepherd, for more than 33 years passes at the age of 58.

69 **1982** — A Baby Grand Piano is donated to Friendship by the family of the late Dr. C.W. Williams.

70 **May 22, 1983** — Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. is installed as the thirteenth Pastor of Friendship.

71 **January 1984** — Pastor Jones organizes the Security Committee.

72 **1984** — The Friendship Singles Group is established.

73 **1984** — The Department of Christian Education and Youth is organized by Pastor Jones.

74 **June 29, 1985** — Elizabeth Hutchison passes after serving 37 years as Friendship's Church Clerk.

75 **1985** — The Marriage Enrichment Group is formed.

76 **June 1986** — The Lord Mayor of Krefeld, West Germany visits Friendship.

77 **July 27, 1986** — The dedicatorial services for the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Community Enrichment Center are conducted by Pastor Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

78 **October, 1986** — Pastor Jones is elected Moderator of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association.

79 **November 1986** — Harvey Gantt, a Friendship trustee, is elected "Mayor" of Charlotte.

80 **July 1987** — Friendship's Church Choir visits Krefeld, West Germany.

81 **December 1987**— The first Black Business/Professional Directory is published by Friendship.

82 **July 27-31, 1988** — Friendship Youth attend the 11th Baptist World Youth Conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

Members of Friendship Baptist Church who attended the Baptist World Youth Conference pictured left to right: Kneeling — Horace Morrow and Edward Bobbitt; Standing — Daisy Walker, Jean Grier, Tonya Barnes, Pamela Gibson, Angela Gantt, Jocelyn Canady, Patrice McClain, Charlese Chapman, LaShawn Walls, Rev. Bonnie Hines, and Sandra Williams. Not pictured are Troy Scarborough and Anthony Jones.

83 **August 1988** — Pastor Jones is elected 2nd Vice President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention.

84 **June 1989** — The first Afro-American Art Expo is held.

85 **1989** — The Gevakin African Touring Choir performs at Friendship.

of the Western Zaire Baptist Community

86 **January 7, 1990** — The Communion Re-Commitment Service is held, the prelude to all centennial activities.

87 **January 1990** — Friendship receives **The Circle of Lydia Award** from The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

88 **April 22, 1990** — Friendship of Atlanta worships with us during this our Centennial Celebration.

89 **May 20, 1990** — Senior Citizens are honored and lead the Worship Service.

90 **June 24, 1990** — Old-Fashioned services are held with Reverend A. Lewis Patterson of Texas.

91 **August 7-21, 1990** — A Church Delegation tours the Orient and attends The 16th Baptist World Congress in Seoul, Korea.

92 **September 14, 1990** — Revival is held with the following guest ministers: Andrew J. Brown, Anthony Jinright, A.B. Sutton, Chiffie Tomlin, Paul Drummond, George Cook, and William Lee.

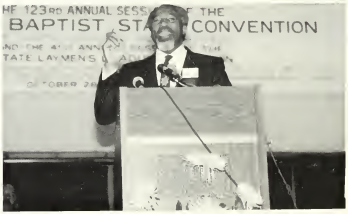
Rev. Andrew J. Brown, 1990 revival minister for the 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services; a long time friend of the Friendship Family

93 **September 28-30, 1990** — Thirty-one Friendship Sisters travel to Wild Acres in Little Switzerland, North Carolina.

94 **October 12, 1990** — Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. is honored as Moderator at The Mecklenburg General Baptist Association's 8th Annual Recognition Banquet.

95 **October 13, 1990** — The Adult Handbell Choir is added to the Music Department.

96 **October 31, 1990** — Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. is elected 1st Vice President-at-Large, Chairman of the Board of the General Baptist State Convention.



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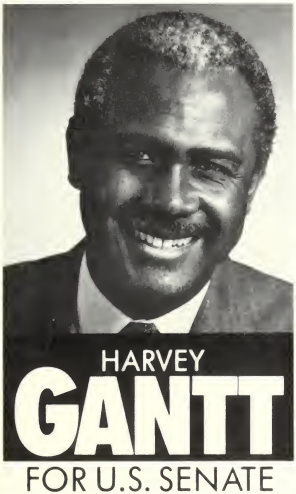


98 **November 17, 1990** — The Centennial Awards Banquet is held at the Charlotte Apparel Center.

99 **December 16, 1990** — A Special Christmas Musical Celebrating 100 years of Working for **Christ** is held.

100 **December 30, 1990** — A Call to Commitment Re-Dedication Communion Candlelight Service is held as the culmination of all Centennial activities.

U. "HOW I FEEL ABOUT MY CHURCH:" REFLECTIONS FROM THE YOUTH

Our youth are actively involved in the total church program. They serve in various capacities and have input in the organizational structure of the church. The **Youth Department** was surveyed with the following question:

How do you feel about your church, and what does your church do for you?

These responses represent the **College, Senior High, Junior High and Elementary Youth.**

SENIOR HIGH AND COLLEGE YOUTH RESPONSES

I feel that my church has given me the opportunity to become active in programs and serve on committees, and most importantly the opportunity to learn how to improve my life and someone else's by being a Christian.

Anthony Jones

I enjoy coming to church. I feel that there is a very loving atmosphere at Friendship.

Sanita Tucker

Friendship has a lot of love and I'm happy to say that I go to this church. It provides me with all the support I need.

Marlena Pickens

I feel strongly about my church. It has helped pay for my college education. My church has also provided various experiences through retreats and world conferences. I really miss my church while being in college.

Edward Bobbitt

Church is always a great experience. I really enjoy the unity that is generated. It is good to know and feel welcomed in the house of **God.**

James Lawrence

I feel that the church does a lot for me. It has enhanced my knowledge about **God** and I have grown closer to God, knowing that I can take my problems to **Him.**

Jocelyn Canady

I think this is a nice church because the Pastor is direct and preaches in a way that everyone can understand. This church gives me a better point of view of life.

James Huntley

I feel that the Sunday Sunday School Department gives young people an opportunity to learn about the bible as well as each other.

Jody Thompson

I love Friendship. I feel that is exactly what the name implies — a church filled with friendship and love.

Christal Chapman

My church gives me a better understanding of the **Lord** as well as myself. I think my church is the best church among all churches in Charlotte. I'm proud to be a member.

Cedric Chambers

I feel my church is a very caring and positive role model in the community. The church offers me special programs such as SAT preparation, job interviewing and cultural awareness.

Tammy Person

I feel that this church gives me a place where I can come and worship the **Lord.** This church is very warm and giving to the community.

Shawn Johnson

My church has always been a center of knowledge, support and outreach for me. My church provides opportunities for me to serve in my community, to meet people, and to grow in **Christ.** Also, my church has given me a family.

Charlese Chapman

Friendship is the kind of church to learn about other countries. It provides programs for participation and helps you stay out of trouble.

April Brannum

I like my church. It gives me a sense of pride and togetherness.

Tolly Kennon

I'm very proud of my church. It gives me a chance to take a closer look at the black culture, since I live in an integrated neighborhood. My church helped me overcome stage fright.

Ezra Whiteside

I feel that my church is the one place where I can go to take my problems; however, I leave feeling good about myself. Church does a whole lot for me and I try to do my best for it. This is the only place that I know where I have friends and family.

Dennis Gist

Being raised in the church has not only changed my life, it has enabled me to become a positive youth in my family, church and society. I am thankful for my parents who have steered me into the church. Friendship is **Love** and **God** and that is most important in my life.

Junelle Gist

Junior High Responses

I feel very comfortable about my church. I can come to my church and ask for help and guidance that I may need. The people in my church are very warm and friendly, as well as understanding about one's concerns and needs.

Guy White

Church helps me to do the things that are good and that's what the **Lord** wants.

Lethania Crosby

I recently moved here; however, I hope that I can come to this church every Sunday.

Valerie Mackie

I feel good about my church and I think it helps me understand how **God** works.

Teresa Elam

My church has Sunday School that teaches about God.

Donna Calhoun

I feel that our church has come a long way from where we started. My church has taught me the true meaning of **God.**

La Tonya Clark

I like my church and I think it does a lot for me.

Erika Scott

It is a great church and it gives me the opportunity to work for **Christ.**

Rachel Hemphill

I am very proud of my church. I bring visitors. My church has taught me many valuable lessons, and I have received valuable help which helps me advance up the ladder of life.

Trae Clark

My church teaches me bible lessons.

Logo Weaver

My church helps me learn about **God.**

Janelle Lyons

I feel that my church is a good church that helps you when you are in trouble. They do care.

Demetris Watson

I like my church and feel that it helps me understand the **Lord** and what he does for his people.

Sahnia Hobson

I think it is a learning experience for you to learn about **God** and **God's** children, as well as Bible Stories.

Kim Willis

I feel proud of my church.

Patrick Crawford

I feel good about my church. It gives me spiritual guidance.

Steven L. Timmons

I feel great about my church. It helps me understand **Christ.**

Kiana Miller

I feel good with raised spirits.

Michael Moore

My church gives me an understanding of **God.**

Erin Welborn

The church teaches you about **God** and brings everyone together to worship **God** I feel really good about coming to church.

Karen Mills

I feel that my church is very organized and teaches the **Word** in many ways.

Danya Nelson

I feel good about my church, because it has taught me a lot about **God** and has taught me to be more secure in myself and stay out of trouble.

Crystal Crawford

Elementary Responses

I like the activities we do. They help me learn about the **Lord.**

Dannielle Gary

I feel good about my church. It helps me when I'm in trouble. I also like church because of the activities like Sunday School and Junior Church.

Kevin Green

The church does good things for me. It helps me learn about **God.**

Curtis Leon Anderson

I feel good about my church, and it teaches me to trust **God** and to accept **Him** as my **Savior.**

Monique Glenn

My church tells me about **God.**

Stephen Blue

My church is a big church and it supplies me with refreshments.

Corby Person

The church provides activities for people of all ages. I feel good, because I like these activities.

Kristin Rhedrick

I feel great about my church because we all believe in **Christ Jesus** as the **Holy Spirit.** The church prays for me and believes in me.

Brigida Mack

I feel that my church as a whole has a good reputation. It helps me learn about the bible and **God.**

Nikki Burrell

My church offers the **Word of God** which is good.

Andree Sloan

The church teaches me about the **Lord** and that is good for me.

Kim Milton

I feel good about my church because it gives me an opportunity to worship the **Lord.**

David Gary

I think church is nice and it teaches me about **Jesus.**

Chad Brown

I'm not sure how I feel about my church, however, I'm getting a Christian experience that talks about **God's** children.

Michelle Austin

I feel safe when I'm at church. My church keeps me safe everywhere I go.

Alyson Banks

I like church because the bible is here. In Junior Worship we sing songs. We look in the bible. We come to church to learn. I learn to pray.

Kelly Danielle Banks

My church helps me have a good life and talk about **God** and **Jesus.** We learn to sing songs. I like my church. It helps me.

Corey Biddle

This church makes me feel good because I get to learn more about **God.** I learn things I did not know. I like it because I get to meet new friends.

Nicholas Blackmon

I feel that the church has a good reputation, because after working 100 years for **Christ,** the church family has grown. Instead of a few days being set aside for special programs or special Sundays, we have special programs **every** Sunday.

The church provides me out-of-school activities, some time to "chill-out" and get the school off my back. I like it.

Chanté Nicole Burrell

I feel good about my church because you get to use your **Bible.**

Eric L. Cooper

I feel good about my church. Its helps me when I need help.

Darius Alfred Graham

I feel good about my church because it helps me learn and understand more about **Jesus.** It encourages people to tell and talk to other people about **Jesus.**

Alisheian Carolice Graham

I feel good about my church and I think my church feels good about me.

Erick Crosby

I feel good about my church. The church gives me lessons. The church is good to me. I like my church. The singers are good. I like Reverend Jones.

Alexander Garris

I feel good when I am in church. It is a place to learn about **Jesus.**

Jessica Rose Garris

I Love **Jesus** and I feel good about church. Church gives us food.

Bradley Scott Green

I feel good about my church because they give me things and allow me to make things. I come to church early so **God** can help me pray.

Mia Latrell Grice

I learn about **Jesus** and how to be nice to other people. I enjoy making things in Junior Worship. I like to eat snacks.

Vincent James, Jr.

I feel great about my church because they have special activities like Girl and Boy Scouts. I also like Friendship because you learn more about **God.**

Venita James

I feel happy about the good things that the church does. They tell us about Jesus.

Whitney Jackson

I feel very good about my church, because it helps me learn about the **Holy Bible.** It helps me learn not to lie, too.

Richie Geter

I feel good about my church because they are helping me with the C.A.T. test. My church teaches me about **God and Jesus.** I have fun at my church.

Raven Johnson

I like my church because it helps me learn about **God.** I've learned a lot about **God**. My church helps me a lot. I like church because people are nice and friendly. I like to help people and make them feel happy.

Cedric Cooper

My church teaches me about **God.** I enjoy Sunday School because we get to make things. Church helps me stay out of trouble.

Gary Eugene Johnson

I feel good about my church, because they collect money and they make Junior Worship and Sunday School fun.

Stacy Lauren Jones

I can learn about **Jesus** and about **God.** I like to listen to scriptures. We learn what is in our bibles.

Amanda Ladd

I like church because it helps me learn a lot about **Jesus.**

Sharnee LeGrand

I feel good because they educate me to understand more about **Jesus.** We have special activities that deal with the bible. Our church encourages us to help people who can't do for themselves, and to trust the **Lord.**

Shondae Patrice LeGrand

I think my church has a lot of things the people can use for a long time. We learn about **Jesus.** We have over 100 people. We get a lot of money each Sunday. It is used to help the homeless.

Jeffrey Lewis

I feel good about learning about **God.** My church pastor helps me learn about **Jesus.** I feel good about my church.

Matthew Lewis

I like church because it is fun. In Junior Church we make things like cards for sick people. I learn about **God. God** is good.

Quinton Lewis

I feel very very good; I feel church is best for me. It keeps me out of trouble and it teaches me more about the **Lord.**

John Alexander Miller

I feel happy about my church. My church prays for me and does lots of activities with my sister and me.

Helga Jeanette Scott

I feel good when I am in church.

Amanda Nicole Stitt

I feel that the church does a lot for me. It is the **Lord's** house. Pastor Jones is a good preacher. Everybody likes him. Reverend Height is good, too.

Tiffany Valeria Scott

We come to church to worship. We sing songs and learn about **God.**

Danielle Terrell

I like my church a lot. I respect my church. My church helps me be a better person.

Steven Terrell

I feel good about the church. The church keeps me out of trouble, and it helps me learn more about **God.** It helps me have good weeks in school and everywhere I go.

Calvin Thompson

I feel good about going to church. I really enjoy coming to church on Sunday.

Matthew Walker

I feel that **Jesus** has taken me in the church and congregation.

Adrienne Williams

I feel good about my church and what **God** has done for me. My church does a lot for me and so does **God.** He answers my prayers.

Jerry Vernon Willis

The way I feel about my church is good because I want to learn more about **God** and learn about the bible. I want to make people feel good inside. It helps me at school and to understand my family and friends.

Reggie Blackmon

The church helps me learn about **God and Christ.** We come to church to worship.

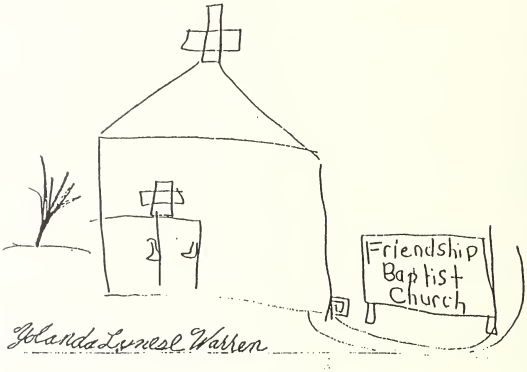
Dominique Bowen

I feel good about Friendship and the respect each one gives. It is one of the best churches. My church does a lot for me. It helps me learn more about **God and Jesus.** Church helps me become a better person. I like my church a lot.

Donnell Bowen

My church helps me learn more and more things about the bible. It helps me learn new songs and people. I feel that my church is interesting. Sometimes, in the sanctuary, I can see myself through some of the messages. I like doing things in Junior Worship. Sometimes I come to church because of my parents, but when we go home I am always glad I came.

Yolanda Lynese Warren



V. 1990-2090

100 YEARS FROM TODAY

Friendship Missionary Baptist CHURCH: The Twenty-First Century

Looking to the future, some Friendship members were asked how they might envision the church 100 years from now, and what expectations and aspirations they would have for the twenty-first century. Following are those responses.

FRIENDSHIP . . . THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

The third millennium or one hundred years from today is not exactly attigous and consequently to speak about it is a rather audacious undertaking that necessitates at least two major components. Historical perspective through the utilization of a microspectroscope researches the catacombs of religious and ecclesiastical events retrospectively; secondly, prophetic forensic visions, with all the pietistic paraphernalia somehow intuit and articulate the unknown/known mind and will of God.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has the usual genesis and sojourn. A few members from the First Baptist Church, West (Negro) pulled out and behold the birth of Friendship. Initially, this small, very poor, yet prayerful congregation worked and followed the leadership of her ministers and has become a large prosperous urban church. It needs to always be remembered that this congregation struggled most of its existence. Most of the members were laborers and domestic workers and they never made much money. Our ecclesiology informs us of members who worked on the church structure at night and members who sold dinners to raise money to pay for materials and pay bills. Our ancestors were guided by the unknown/known hand of God. Even when days were dark and resources were nill, they believed that "God would make a way somehow." Theirs was a deep religious belief, a faith that was practical and practiced, and a commitment that carried them through Jim Crow laws, lynchings, racism, discrimination, separate and unequal, hatred, and the constant pressure of being labeled Negro, with all its stereotypes and stigmas. However, through it all, they read their bibles, prayed, witnessed, shouted, cried and sang, — Lord have mercy — did they sing.

Our microspectroscopic vignette reveals that our ancestors believed in God, the Christian church, fellowshipping, sharing, and the active power of the Holy Spirit. Today, we enjoy the bright sunlight of prosperity because they endured the darkness of poverty and deprivation.

The commission for the Third Millennium, the next one hundred years is to be alert and vigilant of **God's** will for Friendship. After spending numerous luminous hours with the **Divine**, what does the prophet have to say?

Many of the problems we presently face will have different labels and descriptions, yet their agenda will be the same. There will be greed by the elitist, apathy by the powerless, and a new prominence for third world countries other than African nations; sophisticated evil, a universal denial of sin and its consequences, and a deification of culture.

The church structure will be more corporate in its systemics and the office of clergy will be reduced to a religious specialist and ministerial homolitician.

As a people, we'll be more affluent and impersonal. We'll live longer and enjoy it less in our adult development day care centers and older American care facilities.

Worship will be shorter because of our attention span. There will be more utilization of high tech audio and visual equipment.

However, in spite of us, **God** will be magnified and worshipped in our modern cathedrals and religious centers. **God** will probably not be referred to as **He** or **She**, but us. Yet, our name calling will not diminish the **Power** of **Their Presence**, nor the mundane cultural and environmental trapping cloud, the Eminence of grace, truth, and mercy.

Death will still slowly flow down from its chilly place and carry us away from familiar circumstances; the evening shades will be drawn and our third millennium soul will thirst for a First Millennium Heaven, and there we shall all be changed, never to be changed by further millenniums or circumstances. I hope to see you there, once you've moved up Zion's Hill.

Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
Dialogue Therapist
January 4, 1991

VISION 2090

My vision of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church one hundred years from now is a much larger edifice which, accommodates 5,000 members. This church would offer limitless activities for the members. I see a church containing a library of religious reading and reference books. I see a recreational building with full exercise facilities, a heated swimming pool, and tennis courts.

SISTER LEILA BLAKENEY

MY VISION FOR FRIENDSHIP

While I sit writing this, our world is sitting on a powder keg, in the Middle East.

If our world is to be saved, it won't be politics or gimmicks, it will be the church. The church is the one power that can do this job.

Our membership will grow to 5,000.

Friendship will always be a leader in Charlotte, North Carolina and the nation.

If our church strays away from praying, we will not be able to keep in touch with the church head, **Christ** and we may see a split in our membership within a 45 year period.

DEACON MELVIN CALDWELL, SR.

(Written the 12th day of January, 1991, Saturday, Cloudy weather with a 50% chance of rain. Temperature is in the mid 50's.)

"2090"

In 100 years from now I feel that physically, Friendship will be one of the biggest churches in the United States. We will be known for our efforts in missionary work in our surrounding communities. We will continue to do more and more missionary work all over the world, more so in Africa. Most of all, more youth in Friendship will be surrendering their lives to CHRIST!

SISTER JOCELYN CANADY

A VISION FOR FRIENDSHIP

I hope that in the year 2090, The Friendship family continues to uplift lives . . . helping the spiritually blind see the love that **Jesus Christ** gives.

I would like to know that our spiritual harmony extends beyond the physical church and penetrates daily lives and lifestyles.

I would also hope that our efforts of today are recorded, documented, and studied as foundations for future growth and understanding.

SISTER TEQUILLA REDMON-DURU

MY VISION FOR FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Friendship, in the year 2090, will be the mother church of at least ten to fifteen other churches spread over much of our four counties stretching north and westward from Mecklenburg County. The current church will occupy most of the current Keller Farm and will have a membership roll in excess of 5,000 members. The average of the sister churches' membership will be around 1,000 members.

Friendship's impact on Charlotte and the region will be substantial. Its evangelistic mission will average more than 1,000 new souls coming to **Christ** annually. The church will minister to its flock with a number of major enterprises. It will offer housing for the elderly, numbering 200 units, provide a day care program for 250 infants and children, and have a K-12 school with an enrollment of 500 students. Friendship, 100 years from today, will be a leader in providing spiritual counselling services to major industries in the geographic vicinity of the church.

Yearly, the church will plan vacation excursions with members who wish to explore the solar system. For 2091, the church will have already signed up 200 members who would leave for a one year trip to the planet Neptune.

For the church's bicentennial celebration, they will plan an old-fashioned revival that will recall the traditions as far back as 1991.

Friendship members in 2091 will maintain their traditional friendliness and resolute commitment

to spreading the gospel of our **Lord Jesus Christ.**

BROTHER HARVEY GANTT

OUR VISION FOR FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN 100 YEARS

We visualize Friendship as a church that will be constantly helping the helpless; constantly opening its heart and mind, to welcome those who are astray and are lost without **Christ.** We also visualize Friendship as a church that will help us to understand the reason why we go to church and whom we are there to praise.

SISTERS MICHELLE & MINNETTE GLENN

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 2090

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is a vital part of the community and has invested its influence to keep the black community in the forefront of spiritual, social, political, and economical progress in Charlotte-Mecklenburg and throughout the world.

By the year **2090,** it is envisioned that Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will have grown beyond its immediate location and will be the center of an integrated, multi-cultural, spiritual center serving the greater Charlotte Community and adjoining counties. Its mission and focus, locally, will be family structure and will play a major role in governing the decision making process of the communities it serves. It will provide guidance for family planning and healthy living. It is predicted that the church body will own large tracts of land and buildings for maintaining living quarters for the aged and sick. Monies from the church's wide range investments will provide low income housing and a medical facility for the needy. The church will provide private education for the community and after school care and tutoring programs for students who achieve below grade level. It will cooperate with the Charlotte community to ensure care and shelter for the homeless and destitute.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church's outreach mission will expand the continent and will help supply food and medical relief for many youngsters around the world and will participate in a training program that will increase food production and more effective land use.

SISTER DORETHA L. LEAK

MY VISION FOR FRIENDSHIP

I visualize, in the next 100 years, a church that acts as a nucleus for Charlotte's black community.

The church has expanded its size to a full city-block with membership well over 500,000. Within the church many outreach ministries are housed, ranging from complete geriatric care to 24-hour child care.

The name Friendship will be synonymous with the name, Charlotte. This church will continue to be highly recognized for displaying a true love for **Christ** and an even stronger spirit of witnessing to the city's population.

Friendship shall never forget its meager beginnings, nor shall it ever cease to welcome the unwelcomed, feed the hungry, house the homeless, nor save the unsaved.

SISTER CAROLYN LLOYD

A VISION FOR FRIENDSHIP IN 2090

The year 2090. Life is still as stubborn as cedar wood is hard, but there is a place where people are going daily, working like termites eating away at sin through worship. Sunday school and missionary groups have a task for each person who enters the door. It is Church where they work with the total person/family. It has an all purpose gym with an indoor swimming pool; it has senior citizens housing and an emergency shelter for persons needing such services. It is Friendship Missionary Baptist Church where **Christ** is continuing to work with his people to give praises to **His** name and glorify **Him.**

SISTER ELLA BUTLER SCARBOROUGH

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 2090

My vision for Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in 100 years is one of leadership, uninhibited love for Christ, and our fellowman. I want Friendship to lead not only the black community, but the city as a whole in Christian fellowship and experience. I want the uninhabited love of our **Heavenly Father** to spread across the city like fire and touch the hearts of all, and as we grow in number, I pray we grow in love.

BROTHER TROY L. SCARBOROUGH

W. LAND DEEDS

The following documents are included to show the boundaries and purchase information for each land deed, relative to the former parsonages and the present church buildings. Records are unavailable for the first two church structures.

the land known as the Caps mine Property fully described in the annexed Lease. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of May 1870. Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
E. A. Osborne P. H. Barnhart Seal

State of North Carolina In Probate court.
Mecklenburg County. I certify that the execution of the within & foregoing deed was duly acknowledged before me by the grantor & recorded in my Office the 9th day of May 1870 Set it this certificate and receipt for Tax be registered Recd $2.25 St. & $2.25 Cty
E. A. Osborne Judge of Probate

This Indenture made this 22d day of April 1870 Between Ellison Pellerin & Mr Kimber and Richard Cadbury of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania Trustees of the Associated of Friends of Philadelphia and its vicinity for the Relief of Colored Freedman of the first part and Zack Lacy Ezekiel Irvin & Alfred Tenance Henry Tenance & Lawson Fox Trustees of the first Colored Baptist Church of Charlotte N C of the second part Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred Dollars to the said parties of the first part in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby confessed & acknowledged have sold & conveyed and by these presents do sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part Trustees aforesaid all that certain lot or piece of land situate lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of N C and lying partly within and partly without the Corporate limits of the City of Charlotte and being a part of the lot known as the Bank property in said City and which lot is bounded and described as follows Beginning at a Point in the South line of said Bank lot 12 chains & 11 links from the easternmost point of said line being at the point of intersection of the West line of Church Street with said line and runs thence along the line of lands of the Rudisell Gold Mining Company N 68 degrees & 15 minutes W 5 chains & 89 links to the Westerly Corner of said Bank lot then along the lands of J Wilkes N 69 E 6 chains & 49 links to the Corner of lands of W F Beatty thereby a new right line along lands of Allen Cruse 2 chains & 8 links to the West line of Church Street thence by the West line of Church St 2 chains 58 links to the place of beginning

Containing one and nine tenth acres of land be the same more or less the first two courses are taken from a map and survey of said Bauss lot made for G W Caldwell by James Parks County Surveyor dated Nov 1853. Being the same premises which R F Landson by Indenture dated the 3d day of August 1866 & registered in Mecklenburg Cou in the State of N C in Book No 5 page 53 granted & conveyed unto the E Morris A M Kimber & R Cadbury in fee in trust nevertheless to & for the only proper use & benefit of the association of Friends of Philadelphia & its vicinity for the relief of Colored Freedman forever and in trust also to make & execute such deed or deeds of conveyance thereof and to grant and convey & assure the same to such person or persons & for such estate & estates use & uses as the said. The association of Friends of Philadelphia and its vicinity for the Relief of Colored Freedman shall direct and require from time to time and at all meeting of the executive Board of the Association of Friends of Philadelphia and its vicinity for the Relief of Colored Freedman held on the 12th day of Fourth month A D. 1870 the following resolution was adopted" Resolved That the Trustees holding the legal title to premises conveyed to them by R F Landson of the City of Charlotte County of Mecklenburg and State of N C situate lying and being in the county of Mecklenburg aforesaid and lying partly within and partly without the corporate limit of the City of Charlotte execute a deed of conveyance to Zack Lacey E Irwin A Torrence H Torrence & L Fox Trustees of the first Col Baptist Church of Charlotte N C for the consideration of $800 - Dollars To have and to hold the said lot or piece of ground & the buildings & improvements thereon erected above described hereditaments & premises hereby granted or mentioned & intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said Z. Lacy & others Trustees aforesaid and the Survivors & Survivor of them & the heirs & assigns of such Survivor to and for their own use and behoof forever And the said parties of the first part for the consideration aforesaid do hereby covenant & agree to warrant & defend the premises aforesaid to the parties of the second part Trustees as aforesaid their survivors heirs & assigns against the claim and entry of all persons whatsoever and they do further covenant that they are seized of the premises in fee simple and have power to make and convey such an estate by the Indenture and have done the same by these presents. In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands & seals on the day & year first above written Sealed & delivered

in the presence of Edward Phillips
State of Pennsylvania
City and County of Philadelphia

Austin P. Morris Seal
A M Kimber Seal
Richard Cadbury Seal

Be it remembered that on this 22 day of April 1870 before me Henry Phillips a Commissioner of the State of N.C. duly appointed by the Gov. of the said State of N.C. in and for the State of Pennsylvania personally appeared E. P. Morris, A. McKimber & R. Cadbury Trustees as aforesaid who are personally known to me the grantors within or above named and acknowledged the execution of the within deed. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day & year aforesaid.

Henry Phillips Jr Comp
of North Carolina

State of North Carolina
(Mecklenburg County)

This deed has been duly proven before Henry Phillips Jr Commissioner of deeds for the State of N.C. in Philadelphia Pa and is recorded in my office the 2 April 1870 Set it this & commissioners certificate & receipt be for Tax be registered Recd 50 State & St & State Tax

E. A. Osborne Judge of Probate

Know all men by these presents that we A. G. Brenizer and Fanny C. Brenizer both of the City of Charlotte for and in consideration of the sum of sum of one Thousand Seven hundred & twenty five Dollars to us in hand paid by the First Building & Loan Association of

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County WAR TAX PAID $ 1.00

THIS DEED, Made this 22nd day of October A. D. 192_, by and between Mrs. Nellie Ryder Bryce and husband, John G. Bryce

of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina, parties of the first part, and J. Alexander, John L. Walker, Fred H. Crosby, Lewis Caldwell, William Byrd, Abner Jones and James Crawford, Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church of Charlotte N.C.

of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina, parties of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of One Thousand ($1000.00) Dollars to them

paid by the parties of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained, and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said parties of the second part and their successors heirs, all that certain lot or parcel

of land situate, lying and being in City of Charlotte Township, Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: Fronting 38 feet on the South side of Liberty Street and bounded as follows: BEginning on East Liberty Street 74 feet and 4 inches northwest from the southwest corner of Liberty and Caldwell Street being the northeast corner of the lot assigned to W. B. Ryder, and runs thence in a southerly direction parallel with South Caldwell Street 100 feet to an alley; thence with said alley in a westerly direction and parallel with Liberty Street 38 feet; thence in a northerly direction parallel with South Caldwell Street and running with the line of one of the lots assigned to Mrs. Lucie W. Ryder as her dower, 100 feet to Liberty Street; thence with Liberty Street, 38 feet to the Beginning. Together with all the rights of said parties of the first part to use said alley as owner of said lot. Being one of the lots of land allotted to said Mrs. Nellie Ryder Bryce in the division of the lands of W. B. Ryder, deceased, as will appear by the report of the Commissioners making said allotment, which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County aforesaid, in Book P24, page 187 and in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Meck Co. Book of Orders & Decrees No. 12 P. 52 the said special proceedings under which said Deed was made being entitled "Mrs. Lucie W. Ryder et al vs. Virginia Lloyd Ryder"

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid lot or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said parties of the second part, their successors heirs and assigns, to their only use and behoof forever.

And the said parties of the first part for themselves their heirs, executors and administrators, covenant with the said parties of the second part, their successors heirs and assigns, that they are seized of said premises in fee, and have right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part to these Presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of

John G. Bryce [SEAL]
[SEAL]
Mrs Nellie R. Bryce [SEAL]
[SEAL]
[SEAL]

STATE OF North Carolina
County of Mecklenburg } ss.

I, M. B. Rose, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that John G. Bryce and Nellie R. Bryce his wife personally appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing (or annexed) instrument, and the said Nellie R. Bryce wife of John G. Bryce being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. ~~Let the instrument and the certificate be registered.~~

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this 29 day of October, A. D. 192_

M. B. Rose
Notary Public

NOTARY SEAL PUBLIC

My com expires 2/17/21.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, County of Mecklenburg

The foregoing certificate of M. B. Rose a Notary Public of said County is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument and the certificate be registered

This 8 day of Nov A. D. 192_

J. A. Russell Deputy Clerk,
Superior Court.

Filed at 5 o'clock, P. M., on the 8 day of November A. D. 192_
Recorded at 11 o'clock, A. M., on the 9 day of Nov A. D. 192_

W. M. Moore Register of Deeds.

Book 436 P. 82

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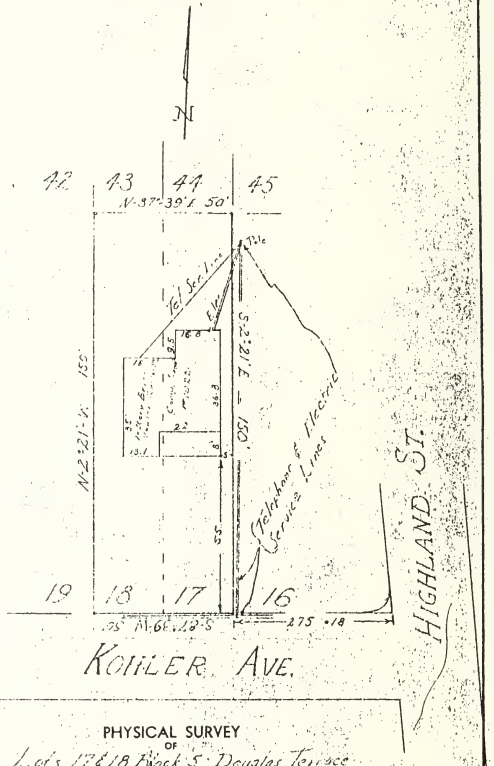
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON THE 2 DAY OF December 1947 I SURVEYED THE PROPERTY ON THIS PLAT, AND THAT THE PROPERTY LINES, WALLS AND BUILDINGS ARE AS SHOWN HEREON; THAT THE BUILDINGS LOCATED ON SAID LOT DO NOT ENCROACH OR PROJECT ON ADJACENT STREETS OR PROPERTY; AND THAT NO ADJACENT BUILDINGS OR WALLS ENCROACH OR PROJECT ON SAID PREMISES.

SIGNED T. J. ORR, N. C. REG. SURVEYOR.



PHYSICAL SURVEY
OF
Lots 17 & 18 Block 5 Douglas Terrace
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
PROPERTY OF
JOSEPH HOLCOMBE & wife Doris H.

SCALE 1" = 30' DEED RECORDED 1135-229 MAP RECORDED 3-332

VA Form 4-6331a (Home Loan) August 1946. Use Optional. Servicemen's Readjustment Act (38 U.S.C.A. 694 (a)). Acceptable to RFC Mortgage Co.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

DEED OF TRUST NOTE

Charlotte, North Carolina,
$ 8,500.00 December 15th, 19 47.

For Value Received, the undersigned, jointly and severally, promise(s) to pay to

CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

, or order,

the principal sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 - - - - - - - - - - - Dollars ($ 8,500.00), with interest from date at the rate of four per centum (4 %) per annum on the unpaid balance until paid. The said principal and interest shall be payable at the office of

CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

in Hartford, Conn.,

or at such other place as the holder may designate in writing delivered or mailed to the debtor, in monthly installments of Sixty-Two and 90/100 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Dollars ($ 62.90), commencing on the first day of January, 19 48, and continuing on the first day of each month thereafter until this note is fully paid, except that the final payment of principal and interest, if not sooner paid, shall be due and payable on the first day of December, 19 62.

Privilege is reserved to prepay at any time, without premium or fee, the entire indebtedness or any part thereof not less than the amount of one installment, or one hundred dollars ($100.00), whichever is less.

If any deficiency in the payment of any installment under this note is not made good prior to the due date of the next such installment, the entire principal sum and accrued interest shall at once become due and payable without notice at the option of the holder of this note. Failure to exercise this option shall not constitute a waiver of the right to exercise the same in the event of any subsequent default.

This note is secured by Deed of Trust of even date executed by the undersigned on certain property described therein and represents money actually used for the acquisition of said property or the improvements thereon.

All parties to this note, whether principal, surety, guarantor or endorser, hereby waive presentment for payment, demand, protest, notice of protest and notice of dishonor, and all defenses on the ground of extension of time for the payment hereof which may be given by the holder of the note to them or either of them or to anyone who has assumed the payment of this note.

Given under the hand(s) and seal(s) of each party.

Joseph R. Holcombe [SEAL]
Joseph R. Holcombe

Witness:

Lois M. Holcombe [SEAL]
Lois M. Holcombe

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

Joseph R. Holcombe
C. A. Hoster
Lois M. Holcombe
Witness
By

This is to certify that this is the note described in and secured by Deed of Trust of even date herewith and in the same principal amount as herein stated to H. C. Dunkerly, Trustee(s), and secured by real estate in the county of Mecklenburg, State of North Carolina.

Dated this 15th day of December, 19 47.

Edwina Wilson
Notary Public.

My commission expires 3/21/48

☆ U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Bloomfield, Connecticut August 28,1962
This Deed of Trust Note is paid and satisfied. #54534
CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
BY Glenn H. Beadles
Glenn H. Beadles, Assistant Secretary

PAID
AUG 28 1962
Conn. General Life Ins. Co.
HARTFORD, CONN.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties of the first part have hereunto set their hand(s) and seal(s) the day and year first above written.

Joseph Holcombe [SEAL]
Joseph Holcombe
[SEAL]
Lois H. Holcombe [SEAL]
Lois H. Holcombe
[SEAL]

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG } ss:

I, Edwina Wilson, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Joseph Holcombe and Lois H. Holcombe, his wife, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal the 15 day of December, 1947.

Edwina Wilson
Notary Public.
My commission expires March 21, 1949

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG } ss:

The foregoing certificate of Edwina Wilson, a Notary Public of the County of Mecklenburg, duly authenticated by her Notarial Seal thereto attached, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument and the certificates be registered.

This 15th day of December, 1947.

J. Lester Wolfe
Clerk Superior Court, Mecklenburg County, N. C.
By: Marcelle B. Duncan
Deputy

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Deed of Trust

Joseph Holcombe
+wife

TO

Edgar Smith
Secretary
Trustee

Filed for registration in MECKLENBURG County. Registry this 15 day of Dec., 1947, at 2 o'clock P. M. Recorded in Book 1290 at page 9 this 17 day of Dec, 1947.
Verified and properly indexed same date.

J. Lenpow
Register of Deeds,
MECKLENBURG County, N. C.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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VA Form 4-6331 (Home Loan) August 1946. Use Optional. Servicemen's Readjustment Act (38 U.S.C.A. 694 (a)). Acceptable to RFC Mortgage Co.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

DEED OF TRUST

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into this 15th day of December, 19 47, by and between

JOSEPH HOLCOMBE and wife, LOIS H. HOLCOMBE,

, party of the first part (whether one or more persons), and H. C. DOCKERY, Trustee(s), party of the second part, and CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, , a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut party of the third part,

WITNESSETH, that whereas the party of the first part is indebted to the party of the third part in the principal sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 - - - - - - - Dollars ($ 8,500.00), as evidenced by a promissory note of even date herewith, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference, with interest from date, at the rate of four per centum (4 %) per annum on the unpaid balance until paid, principal and interest being payable at the office of CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, , in Hartford, Connecticut , or at such other place as the holder may designate in writing delivered or mailed to the party of the first part, in monthly installments of Sixty-Two and 90/100 - - - - - - - - - - - - - Dollars ($ 62.90), commencing on the first day of January , 19 48, and continuing on the first day of each month thereafter until principal and interest are fully paid, except that the final payment of principal and interest, if not sooner paid, shall be due and payable on the first day of December , 19 62 .

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the aforesaid indebtedness and the sum of One Dollar ($1) cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the party of the first part has bargained, sold, given, granted, assigned, and conveyed and does by these presents bargain, sell, give, grant, assign, and convey to the party of the second part, his successors and assigns, all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the City of Charlotte , county of Mecklenburg , State of North Carolina, and more particularly designated and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the Northerly margin of Kohler Avenue, the front corner between Lots 16 and 17 as shown on the map hereinafter referred to, said beginning point being 275.13 feet distant in a westerly direction from the point marking the intersection of said margin of Kohler Avenue with the Westerly margin of Highland Street, and runs thence with the Northerly margin of Kohler Avenue South 87 degrees 39 minutes West 50 feet to a point, a corner of Lot 19; thence with the line of Lot 19 North 2 degrees 21 minutes West 150 feet to a point; thence North 87 degrees 39 minutes East 50 feet to a point, a corner of Lot 16; thence with the line of Lot 16 South 2 degrees 21 minutes East 150 feet to the Beginning, said premises being known as Lots 17 and 18 in Block 5 of Douglas Terrace as shown on map which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County in Book of Maps 3, page 332, all as shown by blue print of survey of T. J. Orr, Registered Surveyor, dated December 2, 1947, and being the same property which was conveyed to Joseph Holcombe and wife, Lois H. Holcombe by Hazel W. Cashion and by deed filed for record contemporaneously herewith, reference to said maps and to said deed being hereby made.

PAID
AUG 28 1962
Conn. General Life Ins. Co.
HARTFORD, CONN.

Bloomfield, Connecticut August 28, 1962
This Deed of Trust is paid and satisfied.
CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
BY Glenn H. Beadles
Glenn H. Beadles, Assistant Secretary

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together with all fixtures now or hereafter attached to or used in connection with the premises herein described and in addition thereto the following described household appliances, which are, and shall be deemed to be, fixtures and a part of the realty, and are a portion of the security for the indebtedness herein mentioned;

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, with all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the party of the second part, his successors and assigns, forever. The party of the first part covenants with the party of the second part that he is seized of the premises in fee (or such other estate, if any, as is stated herein before) and has the right to convey the same; that the same are free and clear of all encumbrances except as herein before otherwise recited and that he will warrant and forever defend the premises as herein conveyed unto the party of the second part from and against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation

NUMBER WS 34127

Richmond, Virginia

AMOUNT $8,500.00

Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation, *a corporation, of Richmond, Virginia, herein called the Company, for a valuable consideration, paid for this Policy of Title Insurance,* **Does Hereby Insure**

- - - -CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFA

the owner of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage or deed of trust described in Schedule A, herein called said indebtedness, and each successor in interest in ownership thereof, and also any such owner who acquires the land referred to in this Policy in satisfaction of said indebtedness as provided in the conditions and stipulations hereof, herein called the Insured, against loss or damage not exceeding

- - - - - - - - - -EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100- - - - - - - - - - -*dollars, which the Insured shall sustain by reason of any defect in the execution of said mortgage or deed of trust, but only insofar as such defect affects the lien or charge of such mortgage or deed of trust upon the said land, or by reason of the invalidity of the lien thereof upon said land, or by reason of title to the said land being vested at the date hereof otherwise than as herein stated, or by reason of unmarketability of the title of the mortgagor or trustor, or by reason of any defect in, or lien or encumbrance on said title at the date hereof, or by reason of any statutory lien for labor or material which now has gained or hereafter may gain priority over the lien upon said land of said mortgage or deed of trust, other than defects, liens, encumbrances and other matters set forth in Schedule B, or by reason of the priority thereto of any lien or encumbrance at the date hereof except as shown by Schedule B, all subject, however, to the conditions and stipulations hereto annexed, which conditions and stipulations together with said Schedules A and B are hereby made a part of this Policy.*

Subject to the provisions of Schedule B and the conditions and stipulations hereof, the Company further insures that, at the date hereof, any assignments shown by Schedule A, whether recorded or not, are good and valid and vest title to said mortgage or deed of trust in the Insured free and clear of all liens.

This Policy shall not be binding until it shall have been countersigned by an Agent of the Company.

In Witness Whereof, *LAWYERS TITLE INSURANCE CORPORATION has caused its corporate name and seal to be hereunto affixed by its duly authorized officers, this* 15th *day of* January, 1948 at 12:45 P. M.

Countersigned:

W. A. Starbuck
Agent

By

Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation

Attest: Joseph T. Hale
President

Wm. N. Baker Jr.
Secretary

SCHEDULE A

1. The fee simple title to said land is at the date hereof vested in Joseph Holcombe and wife, Lois H. Holcombe

2. The mortgage or deed of trust and assignments, if any, covered by this Policy are described as follows:
DEED OF TRUST: Joseph Holcombe and wife, Lois H. Holcombe, to H. C. Dockery, Trustee, dated December 15, 1947, filed for record December 15, 1947, Book 1290, page 9, Office of the Register of Deeds, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
TO SECURE $8,500.00

CONVEYS Lots 17 and 18, Block 5 of Douglas Terrace, in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

3. The land referred to in this Policy is described as set forth in the said mortgage or trust deed above mentioned.

SCHEDULE B

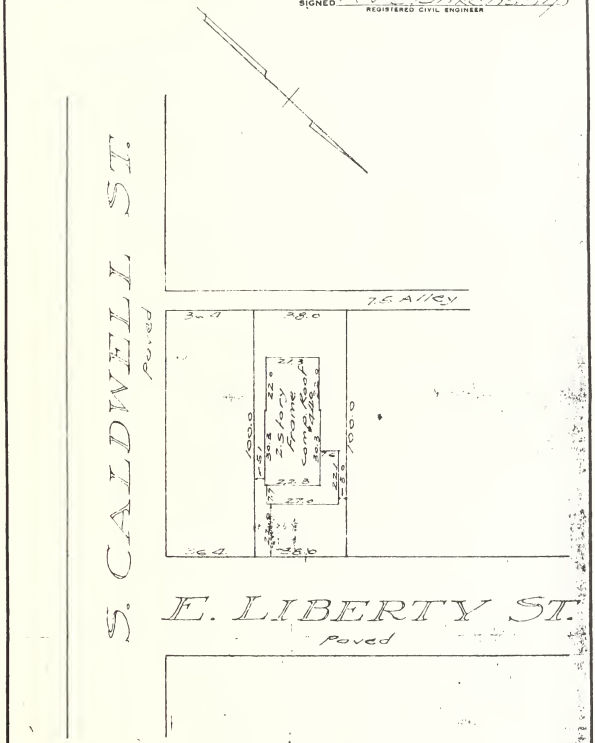
Showing defects, liens, encumbrances and other matters against which the Company does not, by this Policy, insure:

1. Taxes for the year 1948.
2. Restrictive covenants appearing of record, but this policy insures that said covenants have not been violated and that a future violation thereof will not cause a forfeiture or reversion of title.

January 16, 1948
WAH Jr/dt

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ON THE 19 DAY OF April 19 61 I SURVEYED THE PROPERTY SHOWN ON THIS PLAT AND THAT THE TITLE LINES AND THE WALLS OF THE BUILDINGS IF ANY, ARE AS SHOWN HEREON.

SIGNED A. V. Blankenship
REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER



Physical SURVEY
OF
Lot on E. Liberty St.

SCALE 1" = 30' CHARLOTTE, N. C. A. V. BLANKENSHIP CIVIL ENGINEER

THE PROPERTY OF Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church

MAP RECORDED IN BOOK ____ AT PAGE ____ DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 128 PAGE 156

State of North Carolina

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Printed and For Sale by
Kale-Lawing Co., Charlotte, N. C.

This Deed Made this 26 day of May A. D., 19 61

by and between Ervin Investment Company, Inc.

a corporation organized and existing under and by the virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina with its principal office located at Charlotte of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina party of the first part, and

James G. Ford, John N. Hemphill, Oliver Martin, Ernest McCree and William A. Ervin, Sr., Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church,

of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina

parties of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, in consideration of One Hundred Dollars and other valuable considerations ---------- Dollars

to it paid by the parties of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold, and by these presents, doth grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part, and their successors in office

~~and~~ ~~heirs~~, all that certain tract of

~~of~~ land, situate, lying and being in Paw Creek

Township, Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina,

and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located in the westerly margin of the Beatties Ford Road right of way (said right of way being 60 feet in width), said beginning point being located at the point of intersection of said margin of said right of way with the northerly line of the property conveyed by deed recorded in Book 1970 at page 88, in the Mecklenburg Registry, from E. J. Carney and wife, Julia S. Carney, to Ervin Investment Company, Inc., and runs thence from said beginning point with said margin of said right of way, S. 10-48-00 E. 210.0 feet to a point in said margin of said right of way; thence with 3 new lines as follows: (1) N. 83-31-30 W. 468.0 feet to a point, (2) S. 70-29-35 W. 45.0 feet to a point, and (3) N. 19-30-25 W. 245.0 feet to a point in the northerly line of the property conveyed by the above mentioned deed recorded in Book 1970 at page 88, in the Mecklenburg Registry; and thence with said northerly line (being also a line of J. I. Hutchison (now or formerly) S. 83-31-30 E. 553.42 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 2.478 acres according to plat of David R. Lanter, Registered Surveyor, dated April 1961.

Being a portion of the property conveyed by deed dated June 18, 1958 and recorded in Book 1970 at page 88, in the Mecklenburg Registry, from E. J. Carney and wife, Julia S. Carney, to Ervin Investment Company, Inc.

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TRUSTEE'S RELEASE

H. I. McDOUGLE, the Trustee under Deed of Trust recorded in Book 1994 at page 415, in the Mecklenburg Registry, pursuant to the terms and provisions of said Deed of Trust, hereby releases the above described property in favor of James G. Ford, John N. Hemphill, Oliver Martin, Ernest McCree and William A. Ervin, Sr., Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church, their successors in office and assigns, from the lien and operation of said deed of trust.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said property (together with all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging) to James G. Ford, John N. Hemphill, Oliver Martin, Ernest McCree and William A. Ervin, Sr., Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church, their successors in office and assigns, free and forever discharged from the lien and opera operation of the Deed of Trust recorded in Book 1994 at page 415, in the Mecklenburg Registry.

But it is understood and agreed that this release shall apply only to so much of the property as is herein specifically described and released, and as to the remainder of said property said Deed of Trust shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Trustee has hereunto set his hand and seal this 26 day of May, 1961.

H. I. McDougle (SEAL)
H. I. McDougle, Trustee

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally came H. I. McDougle who acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Release by him as Trustee named in that certain Deed of Trust recorded in Book 1994 at page 415, in the Mecklenburg Registry.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this 26 day of May, 1961.

Vivian Kantle
Notary Public

My commission expires: 4-2-63

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To Have and to Hold, the aforesaid tract of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said parties of the second part, their successors in office ~~heirs~~ and assigns, to their only use and behoof forever.

And the said party of the first part for itself, its sucsessors and assigns, covenants with the said parties of the second part, their successors ~~heirs~~ and assigns, that it is seized of said premises in fee, and has right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances, and that it will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. Excepting, however, the lien of 1961 taxes which the parties of the second part herein assume and agree to pay, and excepting, also, such conditions restrictions, reservations and easements as may be of record or apparent.

In Witness Whereof, said party of the first part has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its President, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and attested by its secretary the day and year first above written, all in pursuance of authority duly given by resolution of the Board of Directors of the party of the first part.

(Corporate Seal)

ERVIN INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.

By James M. Power
Vice-President

Attest: Herman Alley, Jr.
Secretary

NORTH CAROLINA

This ... me, ... who being by me ... and is acquainted with ... who is the President and presiding member of said Corporation, and that he, the said ... is the Secretary of the said Corporation and saw the said President sign the foregoing instrument and saw the said common seal of said Corporation affixed to said instrument by said President (or, and that he, the said ... Secretary as aforesaid, affixed said seal to said instrument), and that he, the said ... signed his name in attestation of said instrument in the presence of said President of said Corporation.

Let the instrument with the certificate be registered.

NORTH CAROLINA,

MECKLENBURG County.

This 26 day of May, A. D. 61, personally came before me James M. Power who, being by me duly sworn, says that he is ~~the~~ vice President of Ervin Investment Company, Inc. and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument in writing is the corporate seal of the Company, and that said writing was signed and sealed by him, in behalf of said Corporation, by its authority duly given. And the said James M. Power acknowledged the said writing to be the act and deed of said Corporation.

Elizabeth S. Francis
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 5-15-63

State of North Carolina
County of Mecklenburg } ss.

The foregoing (or annexed) Certificate of Elizabeth S. Francis, And Vivian Kester, [redacted] Notaries Public for said County and State are ~~is~~ *adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument and the Certificate be registered.*

This 29th *day of* August *A. D.,* 1961

J. EDWARD STUKES, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT [redacted]

BY Wilma H. Spain [redacted]
DEPUTY

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CORPORATION

J. EDWARD STUKES, C.S.C.
BY [illegible] DEPUTY

ERVIN INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC.

TO

JAMES G. FORD, ET AL, TRUSTEES OF FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Mailing Address:

Consideration - - - - $100.00 ovc

Dated 26 day of May 1961

Filed for registration on the 29 day of Aug 1961, at 11:39 o'clock A M., and registered in the office of Register of Deeds MECKLENBURG County, N. C., 31st day of August 1961 at 9 o'clock A. M., in Book 2265 of Deeds, and page 557 &c.

EDGAR SMITH
Register of Deeds

By Mary E. Dick
Assistant

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THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAWN BY:
McDOUGLE, ERVIN, HORACK & SNEPP

Stamp 13 20 pd. 3.50

LAND PURCHASE OPTION

July 25, 1962

For and in consideration of the sum of ONE and no/100 Dollars ($1.00), in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned,

Ervin Construction Company, Inc.

3400 Rozzells Ferry Road

Charlotte, North Carolina

hereinafter called "Seller", hereby gives and grants the Trustees, Friendship Baptist Church, James G. Ford, John N. Hemphill, Oliver Martin, Ernest McCree and William A. Ervin, Sr., hereinafter called "Purchaser", an exclusive and irrevocable option to purchase for the sum of Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars $17,150.), upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, Lots 1 thru 7 inclusive, Block 1, according to map attached hereto and known as Exhibit "A", now owned by Seller, situate lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina.

The terms and conditions of this option are as follows:

1. Unless extended in writing, this option shall expire at 12:00 Midnight on the 6th day of August, 1962.

2. Purchaser may exercise this option during the original option period or any extension thereof in the following manner; By delivering written notice of its election to do so to Seller on or before the expiration date of this option, or by mailing such notice by registered or certified mail to Seller at Seller's address set forth above on or before the expiration date of this option, and such notice, if so mailed, shall be deemed valid and effective whether or not the same in fact is actually delivered to Seller.

3. In the event of the exercise of this option by Purchaser, this instrument and the provisions herein set forth shall constitute the contract of sale between Seller and Purchaser.

4. The purchase price shall be paid in cash or by Purchaser's check, as follows:

a. By crediting toward the purchase price the sum paid as consideration for this option and any sum in addition that may hereafter be paid in consideration of its extension.

b. Cash Payment of:

$5,000.	due with execution of this option on behalf of purchaser.
$9,000.	to be paid by giving Seller a purchase money mortgage of $9,000. payable twelve (12) months from date of closing plus interest at 5% per annum.
$3,150.	Contribution to Purchaser by Seller at time of deed transfer as credit towards purchase price.

5. Taxes to be pro-rated as of date of deed transfer.

6. It is understood and agreed that the sales price of $17,150. for these seven lots includes the full improvements to Valleywood Drive on which the seven lots will front. Said improvements including water lines,

gas lines, sewer line, electric power, curb and gutter and asphalt street paving. The Seller, however, does not in any way certify or designate the exact time that these street improvements will be made. They would be made, however, at the time the Seller develops and improves the remaining portion of his property which adjoins the subject property being offered for sale.

7. By signing this option the Purchasers contract and agree that they will work and cooperate with the Seller to establish restrictions or any other type of an agreement to insure the beautification of proposed Valleywood Drive so as to not adversely affect the homes to be constructed immediately in front of the subject property. This would include, but not necessarily limited to, the planting of shrubbery and trees.

8. If Purchaser defaults in its obligations hereunder, all sums paid by it, including the sum paid as consideration for this option, or extension thereof, on account of the purchase price may be retained by Seller as liquidated damages, whereupon Purchaser shall be released from all liability or obligation hereunder. It is understood that the right to retain such sums as liquidated damages shall be the sole remedy available to Seller in the event of such default.

This agreement constitutes the entire contract between the parties hereto and may not be changed orally.

The provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this option has been duly executed, sealed and delivered the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

Hannah Alley Jr.
Secretary

ERVIN CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

By: James M Ervin
Vice-President

WITNESS:

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

James G. Ford
Trustee

John N. Hemphill
Trustee

Oliver Martin
Trustee

Ernest A. McCree
Trustee

William A. Ervin Sr.
Trustee

State of North Carolina

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Printed and For Sale by
Kale-Lawing Co., Charlotte, N. C.

This Deed Made this 29 day of July A. D., 19 63

by and between Ervin Construction Company, Incorporated

a corporation organized and existing under and by the virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina with its principal office located at Charlotte, North Carolina of the County of Mecklenbury and State of North Carolina party of the first part, and James G. Ford, Richard A. Stewart, Oliver Martin, Ernest McCree, and William A. Ervin, Sr., as Trustees of FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH and their successors in office

of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina parties of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, in consideration of One Hundred Dollars and Other Valuable Considerations XXXXXX to it paid by the parties of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold, and by these presents, doth grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part and their successors in office xxxx xxxx all that certain parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Township, Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located at the southeasterly corner of that certain property heretofore conveyed by Ervin Construction Company, Incorporated to the Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church by deed recorded in Book 2265 at page 557 in the Mecklenburg Registry, said beginning point being located in the westerly margin of the Beatties Ford Road right of way (said right of way being 60 feet in width), and runs thence from said beginning point with said margin of the Beatties Ford Road right of way S. 10-48 E. 60.0 feet to a point; thence in a southwesterly direction and following the arc of a curve to the right (said curve having a radius of 20.0 feet) a distance of 31.42 feet to a point in the northerly margin of the right of way of a proposed road to be known as Fairdale Drive (the right of way of said proposed road being 80.0 feet in width); thence in a westerly direction with said margin of the right of way of the proposed road to be known as Fairdale Drive in four courses and distances as follows: (1) S. 79-12 W. 35.0 feet to a point; (2) following the arc of a curve to the right (said curve having a radius of 749.97 feet) a distance of 226.12 feet to a point; (3) N. 83-31-30 W. 198.99 feet to a point and (4) following the arc of a curve to the left (said curve having a radius of 333.54 feet) a distance of 5.89 feet to a point in the northerly margin of said proposed right of way; thence with a line of the property of Ervin Construction, Incorporated, N. 19-30-25 W. 118.93 feet to a point located at the southwesterly corner of the above mentioned property heretofore conveyed by deed recorded in Book 2265 at page 557 in the Mecklenburg Registry; and thence with two lines of the same as follows: (1) N. 70-29-35 E. 45.0 feet to a point and (2) S. 83-31-30 E. 468.0 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, according to survey of A. A. Wallwork, Registered Surveyor, dated May, 1963.

BEING a portion of the property conveyed by deed dated June 18, 1958 and recorded in Book 1970 at page 88 in the Mecklenburg Registry from E. J. Carney and wife, Julia S. Carney to Ervin Investment Company, Inc. Ervin Investment Company, Inc. has merged with Ervin Construction Company, Incorporated as evidenced by Articles of Merger duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Mecklenburg County.

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RELEASE

IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of $1.00 and other valuable considerations and pursuant to the power and authority as set forth in that certain deed of trust recorded in Book 1994 at page 415 in the Mecklenburg Registry, Benj. S. Horack, the Substitute and successor Trustee thereunder hereby releases to James G. Ford, Richard A. Stewart, Oliver Martin, Ernest McCree and William A. Ervin, Sr., as Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church and their successors in office and assigns the property described in the foregoing deed of conveyance from the lien and operation of said deed of trust to the end that said Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church and their successors in office and assigns shall forever own and hold the same free and clear of the lien of said deed of trust. But it is understood and agreed that this release is only to apply to the property specifically described in the foregoing deed of conveyance to the Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church and their successors in office and assigns and as to the remainder of the property (not heretofore released) said deed of trust shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named Substitute Trustee has hereunto set his hand and seal, this 27 day of September, 1963.

Benj. S. Horack (SEAL)
Benj. S. Horack, Substitute Trustee
under deed of trust dated June 25,
1958 and recorded in Book 1994 at page
415 in the Mecklenburg Registry.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

I, Juan M. Furr, a Notary Public in and for said County and State do hereby certify that Benj. S. Horack, Substitute Trustee under deed of trust dated June 25, 1958 and recorded in Book 1994 at page 415 in the Mecklenburg Registry personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Release.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this 27 day of Sept, 1963.

Juan M. Furr
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/11/65

To Have and to Hold, the aforesaid certain parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said parties of the second part and their successors in ffice ~~heirs and assigns~~, to their only use and behoof forever.

And the said party of the first part for itself, its successors and assigns, covenants with the said parties of the second part, their successors in office ~~xxxxxxxx~~ that it is seized of said premises in fee, and has right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances, and that it will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, said party of the first part has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its President, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and attested by its secretary the day and year first above written, all in pursuance of authority duly given by resolution of the Board of Directors of the party of the first part.

(Corporate Seal)

ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED

By James M Power
Vice President

Attest:

Herman Alley Jr.
Secretary

NORTH CAROLINA,

County.

This day of 19, personally came before me, for said County, who being by me duly sworn says that he knows the common seal of the and is acquainted with who is the President and presiding member of said Corporation, and that he, the said and saw the said President sign the foregoing instrumen oration affixed to said instrument by said President (Secretary as aforesa presence of said President o; Let the instrun

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NORTH CAROLINA,

Mecklenburg County.

This 2nd day of August, A. D. 1963, personally came before me ~~Charles C. Ervin~~ James M. Power who, being by me duly sworn, says that he is the Vice President of Ervin Construction Company, Incorporated and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument in writing is the corporate seal of the Company, and that said writing was signed and sealed by him, in behalf of said Corporation, by its authority duly given. And the said ~~Charles C. Ervin~~ James M. Power acknowledged the said writing to be the act and deed of said Corporation.

Kathryn G. Satzer
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 9/20/64

State of North Carolina
County of Mecklenburg
ss.

The foregoing (or annexed) Certificates of Jean M. Furr and Kathryn G. Satzer, Notaries Public for said County and State are *adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument and the Certificates be registered.*

This 27th *day of* September *A. D., 19*63

J. EDWARD STUKES, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT

BY Wilma H. Spain DEPUTY

FILED

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CORPORATION

J. EDWARD STUKES C.S.C.
P P D DEPUTY

Ervin Construction Company, Incorporated

TO

James G. Ford, et als.

Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church

Mailing Address:

Consideration - - - - $

Dated day of 19

Filed for registration on the 27 day of Sept 1963, at 3:54 o'clock P. M., and registered in the office of Register of Deeds MECKLENBURG County, N. C., 1 day of Oct. 1963, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., in Book 2459 of Deeds, and page 331 &c.

EDGAR SMITH
Register of Deeds

By Mary L. Dinkins
Assistant

1.00
3.25
.40 bd 4.25

DRAWN BY: McDOUGLE, ERVIN, HORACK & SNEPP

100 Years of Working for Christ

PROSPECTUS

Friendship Baptist Church

Office: 630 N. Graham Street, Suite 1-334-1406-Mailing: P.O. Box 1895, 28201

Charlotte, North Carolina

Announces the Issuance of

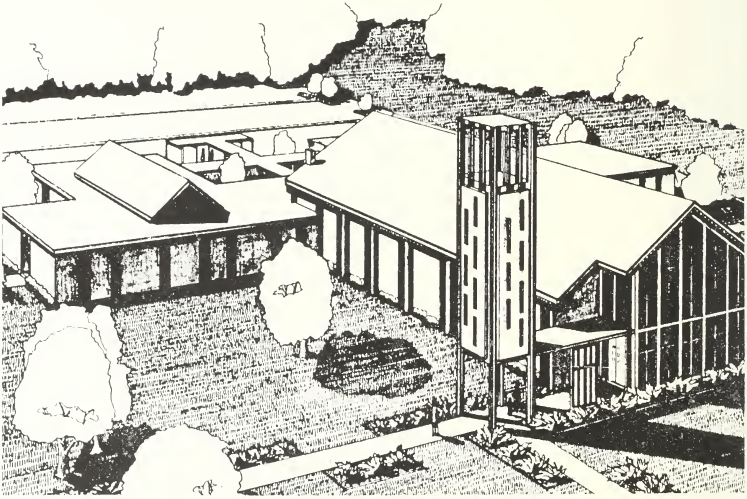
$200.000.00

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION BONDS

6% Compound Interest

Dated June 1, 1968

Church Location Beatties Ford Road at Fairdale Drive



Bonds Sold Only By

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

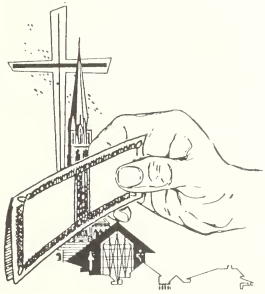
Directed By

Providence Church Plan, Inc.
1128 Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30310

Prospectus

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



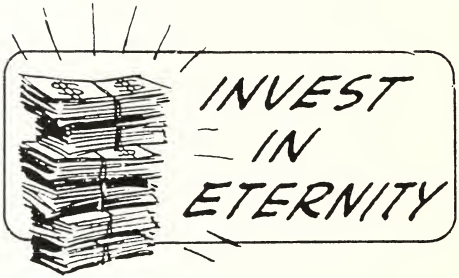
The Friendship Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, has employed Providence Church Plan, Inc., to promote the issuance and sale of these bonds. No other information or representations, other than those contained in this Prospectus, are authorized.

Providence Church Plan, Inc.
1128 Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30310
404/758-4617

FORWARD

'Speak to my people that they go *FORWARD*'

This Prospectus has been prepared for the membership of the Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, in order that they may better understand the $200,000.00 Bond Program which will be initiated in May, 1968. It is our hope that you will study the contents carefully and become familiar with the Bond Program.



HOW WILL THE MONEY BE USED?

In order to reach lost souls for Christ successfully, teach the Bible more effectively, and enlarge the preaching ministry, a new church plant is sorely needed. To provide the necessary money, the church is issuing $200,000.00 in bonds. The proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used to construct and furnish the new church building.

These bonds are to be issued and sold by the church as follows: Series 1, $200,000.00 dated June 1, 1968, to be offered in May, 1968. The issuance and sale of these bonds will finance the building construction over a period of 14½ years. The obligation of the bonded debt will be a preferred item in the financial program of the church.

Friendship Baptist Church

Office: 630 N. Graham Street, Suite 1 Mailing : P.O. Box 1895, 28201

Charlotte, North Carolina

Coleman W. Kerry, Jr.
Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of Friendship:

God has given us a great challenge and a wonderful opportunity. The challenge is to *'enlarge the place of our dwelling'.* The opportunity is to witness, through our united efforts, to a God who never fails.

Our building program is a witness of our faith that He who has called us is fully able to lead us to victory. Our faith will deepen when Paul's words become our words, *'I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.'* This deepening faith will lead us to positive action.

We enter this Bond Program knowing that we cannot do less. We enter this Bond Program so that we can more effectively glorify God, preach Christ, teach the young and minister to the world.

Let us join our prayers and our efforts that our witness shall be clear, our response to this opportunity for greater service, an avenue to the joy of true discipleship.

Yours in His Name,

Coleman W. Kerry, Jr.

Pastor Coleman W. Kerry, Jr.

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Charlotte, North Carolina

Coleman W. Kerry, Jr.
Pastor

My Fellow Members and Friends of Friendship:

Your Board of Trustees has carried out your assignment. In spite of the difficulties, God has given us the victory. Each of us have found a blessing and a joy in the service of our Lord.

Now it is time for us to collectively walk together. Each one of us has an opportunity of proving our faith through the support of our Bond Program. Before us is an 'open door.' That door leads to providing the kind of facilities needed to meet the demands of Christ in this community.

The Bible teaches *'according to your faith be it unto you'*. The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.

We call upon the membership to follow the Pastor, Deacons and Trustees in this venture of faith that leads to victory!

Yours in His Service,

William Ervin Sr.

William Ervin, Sr.
Bond Program Chairman

Friendship Baptist Church

Office: 630 N. Graham Street, Suite 1 Mailing : P.O. Box 1895, 28201

Charlotte, North Carolina

Coleman W. Kerry, Jr.
Pastor

Dear Members:

There has been much talk for the past few years about our new church plant. After months and years of study and labor, we approved the plans for the structure.

The proposed building is adequate in every way. The Sanctuary will seat seven hundred for worship and five hundred and twenty six will be housed in the Educational Unit. The parking lot will accommodate one hundred and twenty cars. There is reserved space for outdoor recreation and a small park. This facility will serve generations to come.

The construction of this building is in process now. To provide funds to complete this structure, we have chosen the bond route. These bonds are excellent investments. They provide us an opportunity to help our church and at the same time, make an investment that will give us a very good return. This Bond Program can serve as a stimulus for our church as a whole. My appeal and prayer is that you will participate in this Bond Program in any way you can. When called upon, please respond positively.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Stewart

Richard A. Stewart
Chairman, Building Campaign

The slogan, *'The Church in the heart of the community with the community in its heart,'* bespeaks the philosophy of the program at Friendship.

PROGRAM OF GROWTH AND ADVANCE

YEAR	MEMBERSHIP	DISBURSEMENTS
1962	401	$24,406.14
1963	465	$34,958.86
1964	533	$33,851.83
1965	608	$40,334.85
1966	688	$48,697.11
1967	744	$52,720.03
1968 To Date	788	

Registered Members	596
Number of Families	451
Average S.S. Attendance	325
Average Church Atten.	557
Average Weekly Offering	$1,365.00

Friendship Baptist Church

Office: 411 West Tenth Street

Tel. 334-1406

Mailing: P. O. Box 1895, 28201

Worship: Northwest Junior High School
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.

Coleman W. Kerry, Jr., Pastor

BUILDING CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Richard A. Stewart, Sr., _____ Chairman
Robert Person, Jr. _____ Vice-Chairman
Miss Theola Brown _____ Secretary
Oliver Martin _____ Treasurer
Miss Elizabeth Hutchison _____ Church Clerk
Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson _____ Corresponding Secretary

James Clarke
Mrs. Pearl Cooper
William Ervin
Mrs. Laura Ervin
Miss Barbara Ellerbe
Matthew Evans
James G. Ford
Mrs. Roberta Hannibal
Coker Hare
Mrs. Edna Hinton
Mrs. Alma Kennedy
Miss E. Jane Lightner
Mrs. Juanita McClettie
Rufus McCullough
Adam Manigo
Kneever Morrow
Mrs. Rosena Nicholas
Herman Rushing
James Singleton
Mrs. Ella Sloan
Early T. Vaughters
Johnny Williams
Mrs. Hattie Leeper
Mrs. Dorothy Anthony
Mrs. Clara Stitt
Ernest McCree
Howard Pettice
Walter Weddington
Rufus Watts
William Morrow
Elvin Tatum
James McGill
Willie Johnson
Kim Mickens
Zeb Jackson
John Harris
Fred Davis
Graver C. Anthony
Robert Ligon
William McDonald
Melvin White

FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

For those desiring to finance the purchase of your church bonds, the North Carolina National Bank, Charlotte, North Carolina, has extended us the following terms:

1. Bank Credit Applications can be filled out at the Church.
2. The Bank will deposit the amount of money you borrow to the account of the Church.
3. You will repay your loan to the Bank in monthly installments.
4. The bonds financed will be held by the Bank as collateral until the loan is repaid.
5. To qualify for a loan, you must be an adult wage earner. You need not be a member of this Church.
6. You must make a 10% down payment to the Church.
7. Each note will carry credit life insurance, whereby the entire note will be paid in the event of death.
8. The Bank will mail you a repayment schedule for your monthly payments.

****** SCHEDULE OF LOANS ******

The following schedule of loans and monthly repayments includes all interest and also credit life insurance.

To Finance & Save Bond	Pay 10% Down	Borrow From Bank	Repay In Below Number of Months	Pay Monthly Note of	Total Repayment to Bank	At Completion Of Payments Your Bond Will be Worth
$1000.00	100.00	900.00	36	30.58	1100.88	1194.05
1000.00	100.00	900.00	30	35.52	1065.66	1159.27
1000.00	100.00	900.00	24	42.96	1031.04	1125.51
1000.00	100.00	900.00	18	55.40	997.20	1092.73
1000.00	100.00	900.00	12	80.35	964.20	1060.90
500.00	50.00	450.00	36	15.28	550.08	597.02
500.00	50.00	450.00	30	17.75	532.50	579.63
500.00	50.00	450.00	24	21.47	515.28	562.75
500.00	50.00	450.00	18	27.69	498.42	546.36
500.00	50.00	450.00	12	40.17	482.04	530.45
250.00	25.00	225.00	36	7.64	275.04	298.51
250.00	25.00	225.00	30	8.87	266.10	289.81
250.00	25.00	225.00	24	10.73	257.52	281.37
250.00	25.00	225.00	18	13.84	249.12	273.18
250.00	25.00	225.00	12	20.08	240.96	265.22

FACTS ABOUT THE PROVIDENCE CHURCH PLAN

SINKING FUND

The resolution requires the church to deposit each week with the paying agent the amount of money necessary to retire the bonds and meet the interest payments.

INTEREST

The rate of interest is 6% compounded. See chart to compute value of bonds at maturity.

PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL

Bonds will mature each six months over a period of fourteen and one-half years. Bonds may be presented for collection at most banks in the United States.

DENOMINATIONS

$1,000.00; $500.00; $250.00; and $100.00. These may be purchased in combinations or multiples of these denominations.

PRE-PAYMENT

The Church reserves the right to prepay any and all bonds, without penalty. Prepayment is indicated by a letter to bond holders 30 days prior to interest paying date.

Providence Church Plan Inc.

THE PURCHASE OF BONDS

The bonds may be purchased in any desired amount for cash. Also, they may be purchased on a thirty, sixty, or ninety day reservation.

For those members and friends who desire to purchase bonds on the time-payment plan, arrangements have been worked out with the North Carolina National Bank, Charlotte, North Carolina, for the time-payment purchase.

THE FUNDS YOU WILL USE TO PURCHASE A BOND

THE MONEY TO PURCHASE THESE BONDS IS ALREADY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS, THEIR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

YOU WILL INCREASE YOUR EARNINGS 50% BY USING YOUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR GOVERNMENT BONDS.

CHECKING ACCOUNTS PAY NO INTEREST TO YOU.

YOU WILL INCREASE YOUR EARNINGS BY USING YOUR BUILDING AND LOAN ACCOUNT.

YOU INCREASE YOUR EARNINGS BY USING YOUR CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT.

YOU WILL INCREASE YOUR EARNINGS BY USING YOUR LOW PAYING STOCK AND BONDS.

PAID-UP INSURANCE POLICIES ARE NORMALLY LOW PAYING.

BORROW MONEY ON YOUR INSURANCE POLICY FOR 5% AND REINVEST FOR 6%.

IDLE PROPERTY SHOULD BE SOLD AND USED FOR INTEREST PAYING BONDS.

Appendix

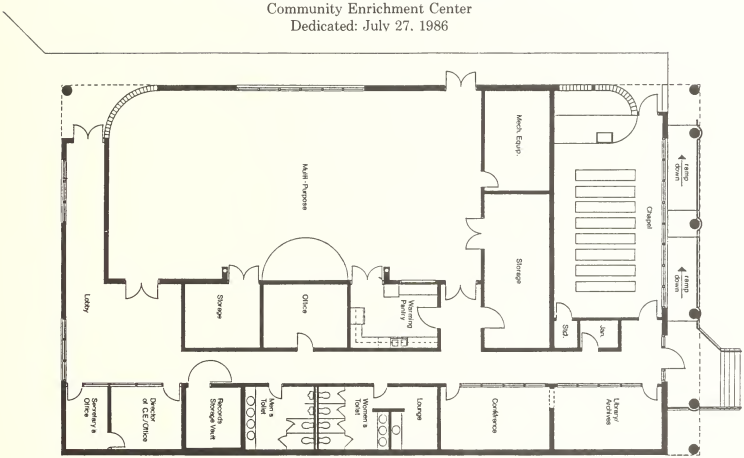
GOD BUILDS NO CHURCHES

God builds no churches. By His plan
That labor has been left to man.
No spires miraculously arise;
No little mission from the skies
Falls on bleak and barren place
To be a source of strength and grace.
The humblest church demands its price
In human toil and sacrifice.
Men call the Church the House of God,
Toward which the toil-stained pilgrims trod
In search of strength and rest and hope;
As blindly through life's mists they grope.

And there God dwells, but it is man
Who builds that House, and draws the plan;
Pays for mortar and the stone
That none need seek God alone.
The humblest spire in mortal ken
Where God abides was built by men.
And if the church is still to grow,
Is still the light of hope to throw
Across the valley of despair,
Men still must build God's House of Prayer.
God sends no churches from the skies.
Out of our hearts they must arise.

—Edgar A. Guest

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Community Enrichment Center
Dedicated: July 27, 1986



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PRESENTED FOR REGISTRATION
SEP 22 4 10 PM '82
CHARLES E. CROWDER
REGISTER OF DEEDS
MECKLENBURG CO N.C.

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NORTH CAROLINA Real Estate Excise Tax 110.00

Excise Tax

Recording Time, Book and Page

Tax Lot No. 039-121-01 Parcel Identifier No.

Verified by County on the day of , 19

by

Mail after recording to J. LeVonne Chambers, 951 S. Independence Boulevard, Suite 730, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202-2796

This instrument was prepared by Thomas C. Ruff, Attorney

Brief description for the Index

STAMPS	110.00
FEE	6.50
<>	116.50
CASH	116.50

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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

THIS DEED made this 31st day of August, 1982, by and between

GRANTOR	GRANTEE
WM. RAY BARRIER and A. STUART McKAIG, III, Trustees under the DAVID STEPHEN SEAWRIGHT and ANNE SEAWRIGHT JONDROW IRREVOCABLE TRUSTS AGREEMENT, dated January 2, 1970	WILLIAM A. ERVIN, THEOLA BROWN and WILLIAM PICKENS, Trustees of FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Enter in appropriate block for each party: name, address, and, if appropriate, character of entity, e.g. corporation or partnership.

The designation Grantor and Grantee as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter as required by context.

WITNESSETH, that the Grantor, for a valuable consideration paid by the Grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantee in fee simple, all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the City of Charlotte, Township, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

BEING a portion of that property denominated as "commercial property" as the same is shown on a map of a portion of NORTHWOOD ESTATES recorded in Map Book 12, at page 43 in the Mecklenburg Public Registry, and more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at a point in the westerly margin of the right-of-way of Beatties Ford Road (said right-of-way being 60 feet in width), said point of beginning being located N. 10-48 E. 20 feet from the intersection of the right-of-way of the westerly margin of Beatties Ford Road and the southerly margin of the right-of-way of Fairdale Drive (said right-of-way being 80 feet in width); thence S. 10-48 E. 205 feet to an iron in the westerly margin of said right-of-way; thence S. 79-12 W. 214.87 feet to an iron located in the easterly margin of the right-of-way of Fairbrook Drive; thence with the easterly margin of the right-of-way of Fairbrook Drive N. 13-23-40 W. 217.62 feet to a point; thence with the arc of a circular curve to the right and in a northeast direction, said curve having a radius of 20 feet, an arc distance of 35.86 feet to a point; thence with the arc of a circular curve to the left, having a radius of 829.97 feet, in an easterly direction, an arc distance of 146.97 feet to a point; thence N. 79-12 E. 35.0 feet to a point; thence with an arc of a circular curve to the right, having a radius of 20 feet, in a southeasterly direction, an arc distance of 31.42 feet to the point or place of Beginning, and containing 1.154 acres, more or less. Reference is made to that certain survey by Bobby J. Rape, R.S., dated April 9, 1968, and also that map of Northwood Estates recorded in Map Book 12, page 43, in the Mecklenburg Public Registry.

N.C. Bar Assoc. Form No. 3 D 1978, Revised 1977.
Printed by Agreement with the N.C. Bar Assoc.-1981.

X. CONGRATULATORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mecklenburg County
North Carolina
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is celebrating its Centennial, "Celebrating One Hundred Years of Working For Christ"; and,

WHEREAS, Sunday, July 15, will be the culmination of the entire year's celebration and has been designated "Homecoming", for special focus at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, to commemorate a century of service by this church family; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. J. L. White of First Calvary Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia, will be the guest minister, accompanied by his choir and congregation; and,

WHEREAS, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has contributed greatly to this community by sharing and shaping, for 100 years, the lives of its members in exemplary service to each other and to their fellow citizens; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim July 15, 1990,

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DAY

in Mecklenburg County, and wishes the members Godspeed as they enter into their second century of service.

This the 15th day of July, 1990.

Carla E. Dubay

Chairman

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT - ABCOTS
Mrs. Marjorie Ochwat

american baptist churches USA

January 1990

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3301 Beattie Ford Road
Charlotte, N C 28206

Pastor: The Reverend Dr Clifford A Jones, Sr

GREETINGS to members and friends of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am honored to join with others in participating in this joyous year of celebration of the Centennial of your church. 100 years of service and witness to Christ is not only an historic event to cause celebration but it is truly an event to be commemorated and a time to take note of the past, present, and future. During this coming year your leadership is, of course, recalling many past achievements, committing the present to God's continued ministry in the community, and planning for the future creatively and with dedication - with God, your Guide and Jesus, your Teacher.

Please accept my personal congratulations to the Centennial Committee and my greetings to your most outstanding pastor, Dr Clifford Jones. His strong support and leadership in the American Baptist Churches of the South is appreciated and we are indebted to him and to your church.

May the next '100 years' be as rich in service and as strong in leadership in the community. God bless you, each one.

In Christian love,

Marjorie H Ochwat

Marjorie H Ochwat, President
American Baptist Churches of the South

212 N.E. Madison Circle, N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702, (813)521-1708

Marjorie H. Ochwat

Wendell C. Somerville

Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention
"BUILDING A BETTER WORLD THROUGH CHRISTIAN MISSIONS"

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President

REV ROBERT C. MURRAY D.D.
Recording Secretary

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WASHINGTON D.C. 20001

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REV NORMAN W. SMITH
Chairman, Ex. Board

REV J. L. CHERRY D.D.
Statistician

January 5, 1990

Correspondence Committee
Friendship Baptist Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, N. C. 28216

Please be assured that the entire Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention Family join in expressing our sincere felicitations as we share with your numerous friends in celebrating your centennial event.

People in the midst of a revolution are usually unaware of the magnitude of the events taking place around them.

Thank God, we are alert and aware of the transcend vision of Dr. Clifford A. Jones, and his global concern for all mankind; and, we are honored to have him as Second Vice-President of the Lott Carey-"The Convention of Distinction".

Indeed, historic Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and its illustrious leader, Dr. Clifford A. Jones, are daily emerging onward and upward in a new era in Christian Missions.

May the eternal God give you sustenance and courage in your heroic advanture. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Wendell C. Somerville

WCS:am

Appendix

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1990

Dear Friends:

Barbara and i are delighted to send our congratulations as you commemorate the 100th anniversary of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Charlotte.

We join you in spirit as you give thanks for the sanctuary where you gather and for the congregation of families who have worshipped together for many years.

May your community continue to grow in faith and friendship, and may the love that you share with each other be a witness to all.

Sincerely,

Members of Friendship Missionary
Baptist Church
3301 Beattics Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
RALEIGH 27603-8001

JAMES G. MARTIN
GOVERNOR

January 19, 1990

Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Pastor
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Dear Members and Clergy of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church:

As Governor of the State of North Carolina, it is my honor to congratulate the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on your Centennial Anniversary celebration.

For 100 years, this church has served God and the citizens of Charlotte. It has been a place the community can count on in times of need. Above all, it has served as a shining example of the true Christian spirit.

Congratulations on reaching this historic milestone in the life of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, and best wishes on your next century of service.

Sincerely,

James G. Martin

ALEX McMILLAN
9TH DISTRICT
NORTH CAROLINA

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT
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COMMITTEE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

February 5, 1990

Dr. Clifford Jones
Pastor
Friendship Missionary Baptist
Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Dear Dr. Jones

I was honored to include these remarks in the Congressional Record. In my lifetime, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has been an important part of the Charlotte Community. I hope future generations will also benefit from its good works.

It is an honor to work for you in the United States Congress.

Sincerely,

Alex McMillan
Member of Congress

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June 11, 1990

Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Pastor
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, NC 28216

Dear Dr. Jones:

The American Baptist Historical Society wishes to extend sincere congratulations to you and to the congregation of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, on the occasion of your One Hundredth Anniversary.

This is indeed a special time for your church, and we would like to join in the celebration by presenting this certificate recognizing your many years of dedicated work in the American Baptist tradition. May you be blessed as you continue to serve God faithfully.

If the church historical committee has published a commemorative booklet or program, would you remember the Historical Society with a copy? It would add to our resources and we would appreciate it greatly.

Sincerely,

Beverly Carlson
Administrator/Archivist

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Senator James Richardson

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January 31, 1990

Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Pastor
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Congratulations Dr. Jones and members of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on your celebration Centennial of 100 years of service in Christ.

"Friendship Church" as it is affectionately called has made many contributions to the community and with many hours of dedicated work.

Best wishes for many more years of service in Christ.

Sincerely,

James (Jim) Richardson

Representative Howard C. Barnhill

Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. Pastor,
And Members Of
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Congratulations and Best Wishes
on your **Centennial Celebration**

North Carolina State Representative

Howard C. Barnhill

TERRY SANFORD
NORTH CAROLINA

United States Senate
WASHINGTON DC 20510

January 17, 1990

Friendship Missionary Baptist
Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Dear Friends,

It is with great pride and pleasure that I write to you today. I understand that Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will be observing its centennial in 1990. This is truly an occasion to be marked with great celebration and fellowship.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and its parishioners have served the Charlotte community well for nearly a century. Each of you should be proud to belong to such an organization. I am sure that your fine service to the Lord will continue for many generations to come.

With best wishes always,

Sincerely,

Terry Sanford

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Dr. Walter L. Parrish, II
Executive Minister

January 30, 1990

Reverend Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Pastor
and Membership
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Dear Dr. Jones and Members of Friendship:

It is with great joy that I extend my congratulations and best wishes as you celebrate 100 years of service to God. You have come to the point for which your foremothers and forefathers sighed, that which was only a hope and a dream. The baton has passed now to you, and each of you are called to plant seeds that will bear harvest in the 21st Century.

Pastor Jones, your vision and dedication has led Friendship to great heights. You have set high standards of excellence and been an example to others across the Region. I am glad that you are an ABCOTS pastor and that Friendship is a part of the ABCOTS family.

Friendship, celebrate with joy and thanksgiving for you are blessed to be a part of a congregation that has given one hundred years of service.

May God richly bless each of you.

Walter L. Parrish, II

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January 28, 1990

Dear Dr Jones and Members of Friendship

Warm greetings in our New Decade, and many thanks to God for bringing us to witness a New Year's beginning

Enclosed is the contents requested The message reads thusly

CONGRATULATIONS

100 years of weathering the storms of diverse opposition, and is still standing triumphantly, is no other than the house of prayer that is built upon a solid rock of faith

Sisterly yours,

Eva H. Johnson

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To the Pastor, Dr. Clifford Jones, Sr., and members of

Friendship Baptist Church.

Greetings:

On this occasion of your Centennial Celebration in service to Christ, I, as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Convention, am honored and pleased to have been asked to share words of greetings and commendations. I joyfully join the many well wishers in expressing congratulations and wish for you a most rewarding celebration.

For many years have you supported our endeavor of missions as well as you have served God by being involved in His mission for the Church.

It is my prayer that God will bless your being and serving as a source of hope, inspiration, enlightenment, and guidance for years yet to come as well as in the now. May God grant you the wisdom, knowledge, and courage needed for your ministry.

Sincerely,

Priscilla A. Brodie

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CHARLIE S. DANNELLY - -

Served on the Charlotte City Council, representing District Two, from December 1977 to December 1989.

Dear Friendship Missionary Baptist Church,

I want to thank you for 100 years of faithful and dedicated service to your members and the community at large.

You have set the pace over the years by embracing your children and helping instill in them those qualities and ideals, with faith, that start them on the road to successful lives. I hope that the youth of our church will always feel like the poet who wrote:

Today is ours, let's live it
And love is strong, let's give it
A song can help, let's sing it
And Peace is dear, let's bring it

The past is gone, don't rue it
Our work is here, let's do it
Our world is wrong, let's right it
The battle is hard, let's fight it

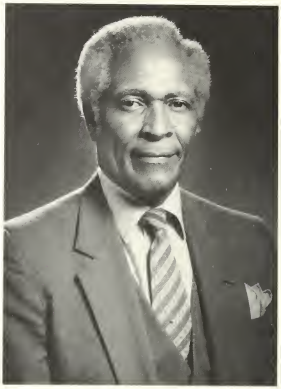
The road is rough, let's clear it
The future is vast, don't fear it
Is faith asleep, let's wake it
Today is ours, let's take it

Additionally, thank you for the support you have unselfishly given me over the years both spiritually and politically. You have helped make my time in the fold a treasured blessing.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sincerely,

Charlie S. Dannelly



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Rev. A. B. Sutton

The Ebenezer Baptist Church

733 East Trade St.
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

DR. A B SUTTON
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537-9503

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375-0543

January 10, 1990

Friendship Baptist Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28216

Dear Dr. Jones and Friendship Members:

The Ebenezer Baptist Church family wishes to congratulate you for one hundred years of service in Christ.

Statement:

Ebenezer Baptist Church had the privilege of celebrating our Centennial in 1976 and we can understand how elated you are on this momentous occasion.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. A.B. Sutton, Sr.

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CENTENNIAL OF FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH CHARLOTTE, NC

HON. J. ALEX McMILLAN

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 1990

Mr. McMILLAN of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize one of the great institutions in my home community of Charlotte, NC.

For 100 years now, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has been a guiding light of inspiration for several generations of Charlotteans. Through those years, Friendship Missionary has been unwavering in its devotion and steady in its commitment, not only to its congregation, but to the Charlotte community as a whole.

It was 1890 when 40 families came together to build a church on the rock of their faith and belief, despite few resources upon which to build. For a while, founders such as Sallie Miles and Napoleon Houser organized services and Sunday school in various homes until a permanent location could be found. At the same time, the church searched for a name, until an early founder suggested "Friendship" after the historic Friendship Baptist Church in Atlanta.

A century later, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte has a membership of more than 2,000 members. But its ministry goes far beyond the sanctuary and the families who have called it home for so many years. Friendship provides outreach to those less fortunate. It cares for the young through a progressive day care facility and has provided scholarship money for students wanting to attend college.

Beyond the city limits of Charlotte, Friendship has touched the lives of families in Zaire, where a missionary program has provided resources for new housing. The success of that mission is prompting the church to investigate a similar program in Haiti.

And so, truly in many ways, Friendship Missionary embodies everything that its name implies. It is a friend to many hundreds of people in Charlotte and the surrounding area. And it is a mission carrying that friendship to others many miles from home.

Charlotte is proud of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. And I am proud to be here this morning to give recognition to the church's centennial.

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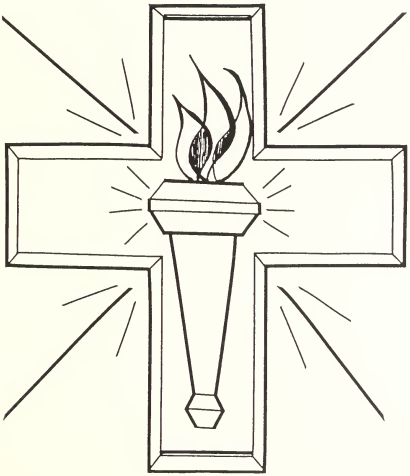

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REMEMBERING OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

As a Missionary Church Family, we've been charged to address the needs of our Brothers and Sisters in **Christ.** When one among us is ill, there's a call to missions, a concern for those who are suffering, and those who are experiencing discomfort, and a responsibility to bear the infirmities of the weak. Therefore, we enumerate the names of the sick and shut-in so that each Church Family member will be cognizant of those who have been laden down with maladies.

Consequently, this list of sick and shut-in members is submitted so that they will be remembered in this our Centennial Year.

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Holly Madrey
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Louise Riley
Dorothy Roberts
Elvira Smith
Fannie Smith
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Elizabeth Thomas
Mary Walker
Marva P. Wiley

Brothers

William Clyburn
John Hines
Rufus McCullough
William McCullough
James McGill
Willie Oliphant
Emanuel Ross

Current Membership Roster — December 31, 1990

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Abernathy, Ms. Floree
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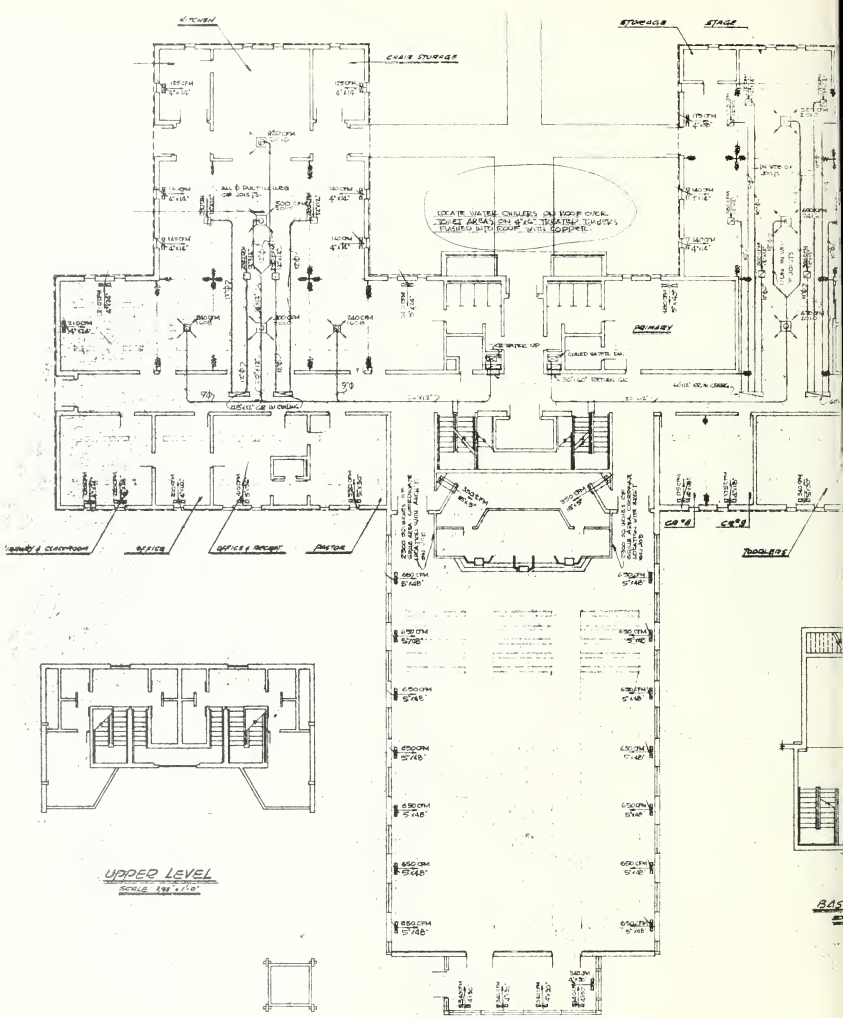
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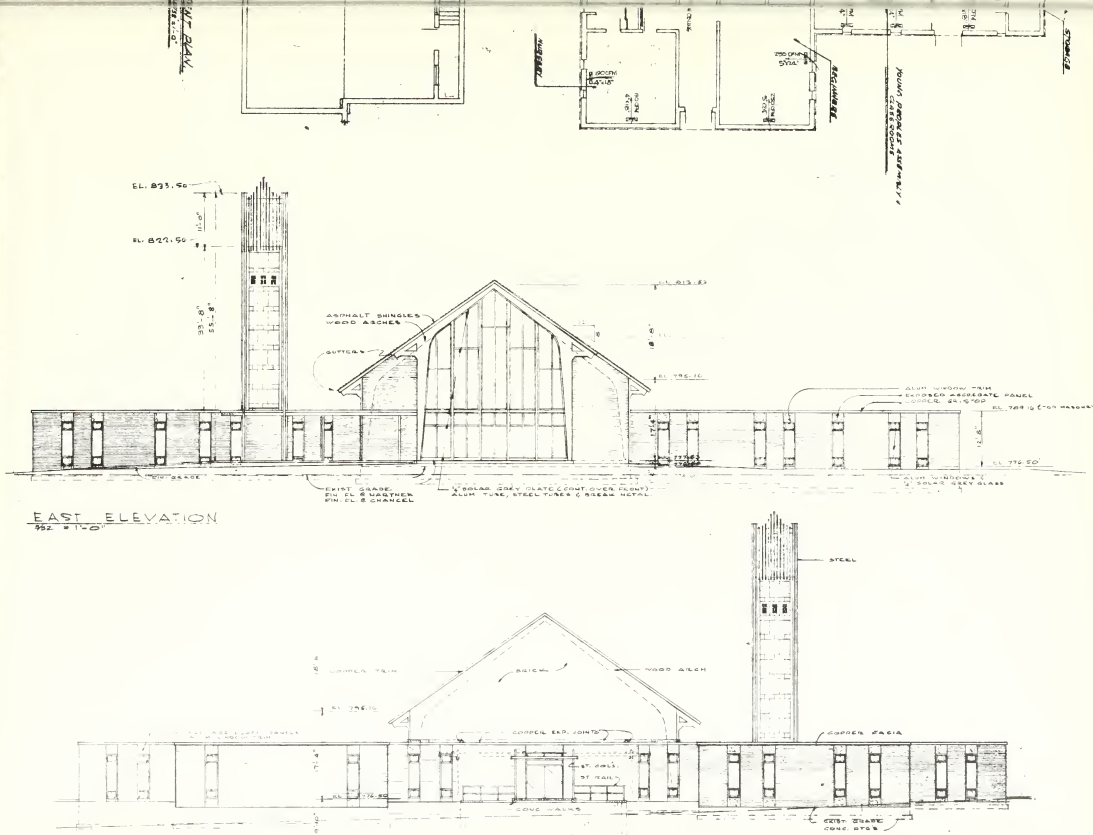
UPPER LEVEL
SCALE 3/32" = 1'-0"



EL. 833.50
EL. 822.50
ASPHALT SHINGLES
WOOD ARCHES
GUTTERS
ALUM WINDOW TRIM
EXPOSED AGGREGATE PANEL
COPPER EXP. STOP
EL. 789.16 (TOP MASONRY)
EL. 776.50'
EXIST. GRADE
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FIN. EL. @ NARTHEX
FIN. EL. @ CHANCEL
1/4" SOLAR GREY PLATE (CONT. OVER FRONT)
ALUM. TUBE, STEEL TUBES & BREAK METAL
ALUM. WINDOWS &
1/4" SOLAR GREY GLASS
EAST ELEVATION
1/32 = 1'-0"
STEEL
COPPER TRIM
BRICK
WOOD ARCH
COPPER EXP. JOINTS
COPPER FACIA
ST. BOLS.
ST. RAIL
CONC. WALKS
EXIST. GRADE
CONC. STGS